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Sir John Holt

from a portrait in Gray's Inn Hall

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PREFACE

WHEN the former volume of these records was published, the Masters of the Bench had not determined on any continuation of the work. In 1907, however, they honoured me with a commission to edit a further volume, bringing the history of the Society of Gray's Inn down to the year 1800. I have naturally followed the plan previously adopted, giving many entries in their original wording and spelling; but omitting, as a rule, orders as to leases, assignments of chambers, and other matter which has no interest, and abbreviating some of the entries given. When the only business at a Pension was a call to the Bar it seemed unnecessary to reproduce the names of all the Benchers present. Words inserted in the text by me are inclosed in square brackets.

The orders during the period covered were taken down by a Bencher and afterwards copied into books by the Steward for the time being. Whether the latter in any case introduced wording and spelling of his own, I cannot say, but I think it probable that he did.

In the Introduction, the history of the Inn is continued. The material, and the occasion, for footnotes were alike less than in the case of the previous volume, and they are accordingly fewer in number. I have, however, placed some additional notes in a separate Appendix. Though I have had the advantage of information and suggestions upon several points from members of the Society, and courteous help from brother officials, no defects in the editorial work are to be laid to any one's charge but mine.

This is not the place in which to summarize the tale these pages tell, but perhaps I may say that when some future editor takes up that tale he will find, in the chronicles of years now recent, a return of the number of admissions at Gray's Inn to the level maintained

in the days of Elizabeth, and abundant evidences of the Society's vitality and capacity for meeting the requirements of a new age. He will find also testimony to its loyal care for old customs and traditions, and for the memory of the great men who sat in its Hall and trod its courts in the past. My task cannot be closed better than in the words of the bidding prayer wherein, before each sermon in Gray's Inn Chapel, we ask God's blessing "upon our Universities and Inns of Court and particularly upon this Ancient and Honourable Society." May "true religion and sound learning" therein "for ever flourish and abound!"

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HAMPSTEAD,
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INTRODUCTION

I. Gray's Inn during the Revolution Era

IF the period between 1669 and the death of Queen Anne was a time of sharp change in the political and social life of the country at large, it was markedly so in the life of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. Both the Society's system of legal training, and the place in which that training was carried on, were during this period transformed. In 1675 occurs the last instance of the election of Readers for the Inns of Chancery attached to Gray's Inn;[1] in 1677 the last Reading in Gray's Inn itself. The year 1709 saw the last call to the degree of Ancient, the status of that "grave company" from which in former days the Reader for each Lent vacation had been chosen. The end of the period saw the Society considerably decreased in numbers, the annual admissions declining from ninety-two in 1669 to twenty-two in 1713. The occurrence of three disastrous fires in the decade which ended with the flight of James II necessitated a rebuilding of chambers on a large scale, while the decay of the oldest block of buildings in the Inn led to the merging of two courts into the one now called Gray's Inn Square, the names by which the different staircases had been known being about the same time discarded in favour of numbers. On the other hand an addition to the Inn—the portion now known as Gray's Inn Place—dates from this period. Then, too, in 1698 the Chapel was found to be very ruinous, and apparently underwent a good deal of alteration, and in 1706 the interior of the Hall was restored, new panelling being substituted for that of 1560.[2] Besides all this, there was an abnormal amount

[1] The connection with those Inns did not cease altogether. See pp. 344 and 377. But the character of the Inns of Chancery was changed during the reign of Charles II. "They were heretofore," says Chamberlayne in his "Present State of England" (1684), "preparatory Colledges for younger students and many were entred here before admitted into the Inns of Court. Now they are for the most part taken up by attorneys, solicitors and clerks who have their chambers apart and their diet at a very easie rate in a hall together where they are obliged to appear in grave long robes and black round knit caps."

[2] See p. 146.

of demolition and rebuilding of chambers undertaken partly because the old buildings were in bad condition, but partly also for the sake of uniformity.

The Readings, which, it was felt, should be restored with the Monarchy, did not perish without a struggle on the part of the Benchers for their continuance. Calls to the Bench of the Inn were made with a proviso that those who accepted them should read in their turn; fines for not reading were imposed and their payment enforced; the Reader was given a chamber as in old days; he had the privilege of calling three students to the Bar, and an allowance of £28 towards his expenses. But the said expenses had been swollen to an unreasonable figure by the customs in regard to hospitality which had survived from the days of Elizabeth and James I, and it was no longer the usage to appoint Serjeants only from the number of those who had read. Men actually chose to forego a voice in Pension and pay a fine rather than rise to the Bench on the old terms.[1] An accommodation to circumstances may be seen in the appointment, soon after the last Reading, of a sum of caution money (one hundred marks, or £66 13*s.* 4*d.*) to be paid on call to the Bench and repaid when a Reading had been performed.[2] It was paid by every Bencher during the rest of the period covered by this volume, but to none was it repaid. For half a century no man claimed a Reader's Chamber, though in 1732 the old right was taken as a precedent for granting a chamber to each of the eight senior Benchers.[3] It would be, however, unfair to forget that in addition to the considerations above-mentioned, Readings had become discredited as a means of education. Clearly it was perceived that less showy methods, particularly that of study in chambers, were surer for the acquisition of sound and practical knowledge of the law. Professional equipment was, after the change, not the less attainable, not the less attained.

When the drop in the number of admissions is examined it will be found to be due, chiefly, to a lessened resort on the part of the sons of country gentlemen and others to the old custom of joining an Inn of Court for objects other than that of an entry on professional practice. That custom, prevalent as Fortescue bears witness in the fifteenth century, has never died out. The Inns never became merely technical schools. That they tended, however, after the Restoration, to be less in vogue as centres of higher education and social amenity for young men who, without desiring briefs, hoped to play a part in the public life, whether of the nation or of a district, appears from a comparison of the number of admissions in a decade with the number of calls to the Bar. During the ten years beginning with 1615—a time when Gray's Inn was at its zenith[4]—the ratio between admissions and calls was as 13 to 1; during a like period ending with 1713 it was but as 2.39 to 1. Partly, no

[1] See *e.g.* the order on p. 48 relating to John Crisp. The attempt of external authority, for which see pp. 49, 50, to reduce the expense of the Readings to £300 did not secure their continuance.

[2] See p. 61.

[3] See pp. 217, 235, and 236.

[4] See former vol., p. xxxii.

doubt, the reduction in the number of non-professional members between 1660 and 1714 was due to political and social causes which affected more than one Society. By the civil war and subsequent measures many gentle families had been ruined; the course of events during the period itself led many who had escaped ruin to hold aloof from political life; then in William III's time economies had to be made somehow to meet the enormous increase of taxation; at the end of the seventeenth century, too, it had come about, as part of a general lowering of tone, that such training as the Inns supplied was less esteemed in the capacity of coping-stone to a liberal education.[1] If a reduction in the number of such members was to be regretted on behalf of the country, it was not without advantage to the Inn which, though perhaps it lost something, was freed from the presence of the sort of youths from whom the ranks of the Mohocks were recruited.[2]

But even among men who intended to make their living as legal practitioners, the vogue of Gray's Inn was to some extent diminished by one circumstance in particular as to which these records are eloquent. By the encroachments of the builder upon the fields on its west and north, the ancient quietude of the house was endangered; the views from its windows and its walks were spoiled, and its repute—to which Sir Roger de Coverley bore witness—for standing in good air seemed likely to be lost. Such assets had in days gone by compensated for the disadvantage under which it must always have laboured in respect of access to Westminster Hall.[3] Recognition of their value is clearly indicated by the steady and fervent opposition offered to the erection of houses in the neighbourhood. As early as 1656 proceedings had been taken in reference to a brick kiln in "the Conduitt Plott." In November, 1672, we hear of a petition "unto his Majestie and the Councill" against any permission of building in adjoining fields. In the following May a deputation waited on the Lord Chancellor. In February,

[1] The number of practising barristers was clearly well maintained. Sir Henry Chauncey, Treasurer in 1686 of the Middle Temple, speaks in his "History of Hertfordshire" (p. 527) of the Inns of Court as having in former days been "nurseries" where the sons of the nobility and gentry were "qualified by law and experience to administer justice and govern the people." "Now," he laments, "mechanicks, ambitious of rule and government, often educate their sons in these seminaries of law, whereby they overstock the profession." Addison in the "Spectator" for 24th March, 1710-11, speaks of the profession as still at that time overstocked; "above three parts" of those who are "carried down in coach-fulls to Westminster Hall every morning in term time" are "only quarrelsome in their hearts and have no opportunity of showing their passion at the Bar." Both statements may, perhaps, need to be taken with reservations, but it is evident that if the Inns had fewer members they nurtured quite enough competitors for briefs.

[2] For instance, the disorders in the Hall, referred to in orders of 1655 and 1658, and on pp. 12, 65, 66, 68 of the present volume, are less heard of as the reduction of numbers proceeds.

[3] The attractions of the Inn in 1641 receive the testimony of Brilliana Harley (Letters, Camd. Soc. O.S. 58). "Dearest Ned . . . I could wish your chamber weare in Linconsine and not in the laine over against it; those lains are the unsweatest places in Loundoun and allways the siknes is in thos places. I could wisch you had rather bine in the Tempell or Graseine. Graseine mythinkes is a fine place."

1682-3, consideration was had of "fitt expedients to hinder and obstruct the intended buildings in the Red Lyon Fields." In November, 1683, proceedings were taken in regard to the brick-burning in Lambs Conduit Fields, and a year later we hear of several suits against Dr. Nicholas Barebone "touching the building of Red Lyon Fields." Suits, moreover, were not the only means employed. In June, 1684, John Verney wrote to Sir Richard Verney:[1] "Some foundations of houses are laid in Red Lion Fields at which Gray's Inn took offence; and one day last week after dinner went up to the Benchers to make their complaint; who appointed certain of them to go in their names to forbid the workmen upon peril, and with them went fifty or sixty gentlemen in their gowns. . . . When the deputies came they forbade all the workmen, who very willingly obeyed them, saying they would rather want work than offend them. . . . Dr. Barebone has made a proposition to the house to pull down that cloister building opposite to the Chapel[2] and build 'em a Chapel there of £8,000 price at his charge for their waste land against Gray's Inn Lane,[3] and liberty to build in Red Lyon Fields, but I do not hear the proposition is accepted of; and he will build up fine houses on their land in Gray's Inn Lane." Barebone appears to have been a man of determination and resource. A few days later the same correspondent wrote: "The Gray's Inn gentlemen and Dr. Barebone's soldiers in workmen's habits did fight it out last week, wherein several were shrewdly hurt. 'Tis said the Lord Chief Justice hath rattled away at the Benchers about it, saying if they cannot govern their house he will send somebody that shall do it for them."[4] His Lordship undertook to arbitrate in the matter, but in May, 1685, the Bench had to press for an award, "Barebone proceeding vigorously in building, the Society not opposing itt in regard it is under his Lordship's consideracon." Jeffreys came to the Inn and was entertained with "a treat" in Sir William Williams' chambers.[5] Later on a move was made towards acquiring some of the uncovered fields on the north of the Walks on lease, but it was unsuccessful.[6] In 1687 there is mention of an order made by Jeffreys, now Lord Chancellor, and Sir Christopher Wren was attended on the subject.[7] In 1688 Jeffreys came and inspected the ground, and made certain proposals which the Benchers, with—who shall say what—feelings, "humbly accepted." For a time there was peace, but in 1703 further building was in progress and further endeavours to check it were unsuccessful. It was probably little consolation to the Gray's Inn men to observe that the new rows, streets and squares afforded residences for many eminent members of their profession. Their Inn and its gardens were eventually hemmed in by houses, though for

[1] Appendix to Seventh Report of Hist. MSS. Com. I am indebted for the reference to Mr. W. R. Douthwaite.

[2] *I.e.*, the row comprising the Upper and Lower Galleries. See map in Appendix II.

[3] *I.e.*, the site now occupied by Verulam Buildings. For a subsequent project see p. 88.

[4] See further the note on p. 79.

[5] See p. 393.

[6] Pp. 89, 92, 94, 95.

[7] Pp. 139, 150, 173.

a long time after there was but one row of them between the northern wall of the Walks and the open country.[1]

The change in the Society was more or less symbolized by the change in its habitation, which lost its old variety and its old appeal to a judgment from standpoints other than that of professional utility. Unfortunately no picture of the Inn as it was in the seventeenth century has come down to us. All that can be produced is the ground plan made by Ogilby and Morgan in 1677, which I have used for the map given on p. 426. But we may well suppose that the different buildings bore the stamp of the periods in which they were severally set up, and we have in the records occasional hints as to the materials used.

The map shows how at the beginning of this period the site of Gray's Inn Square was divided between two courts—Coney Court and Chapel Court. The boundary was a row of very old buildings of which the main portion, known as the Upper Gallery, had several stories, while an annexed portion, facing the Hall and Chapel and called the Lower Gallery, had but one. A "cloister" seems to have been a feature in the architecture, and the ground floor chambers in the Upper Gallery had little private gardens encroaching upon Coney Court.[2] Though built of stone the row was in 1673 pronounced "so very ruinous that it was scarce capable of being repaired"; it was therefore decided to pull it down and rebuild it altogether. The work, however, was not at that time carried out, perhaps owing to disputes about the compensation due to holders of chambers,[3] and when in 1685 the old buildings were at last demolished they were not rebuilt. Four years later we have an indication that any idea of rebuilding them had been abandoned; an ornamental boundary was erected on their site with flights of steps at each end from the lower level of Chapel Court to that of Coney Court, and a system of numbering the staircases was adopted in which the two courts were treated as one.[4]

Meanwhile rebuilding had been necessitated elsewhere. In February 1679-80 a fire broke out on the site now occupied by the northern chambers of No. 2, Gray's Inn Square, and spread northward along the west side of Coney Court. Though some reconstruction had been recently done towards the northern end of the row, it would seem that the whole, whether burnt or unburnt, was rebuilt, a stone door case being made at the expense of the Society at the passage from the Court to the Walks. Nearly four years later, in January, 1683-4, a more lamentable fire broke out on the second floor of

[1] See note on p. 330. The progress of building in Queen Anne's reign did not make the neighbourhood on the north of the Walks much safer than it had been while still open country. In the Diary of Lady Cowper, wife of the Lord Chancellor, under April, 1716, it is recorded that a body of nine footpads had recently fired on a gentleman's postilion at the corner of Bedford Row, and that "near that place under the deadwall of Gray's Inn Garden a gentlewoman coming home with her son about half an hour after ten of Saturday night, two men met them, one of whom struck the lanthorn out of her son's hand and ran away with his hat and wig. She cried 'Thieves!' and they shot her immediately through the head, and are not yet discovered."

[2] P. 76. [3] P. 77. [4] See pp. 105, 117, 427.

the buildings which had been restored and heightened by Anthony and Francis Bacon. In chambers on this staircase, which formed the western side of Chapel Court, Francis Bacon had lived and worked both during his rise and after his fall. On the first floor of it his Reader's Chamber had opened on the one side and on the other the Society's Library.[1] In the one, perhaps, were fittings which had been his; in the other it seems uncomfortably possible, from an order of 11th May, 1674, that, besides books and literary manuscripts, the older records of the Society—the Pension Book from which Dugdale and Segar made extracts, and perhaps scanty accounts and memoranda illustrating the life of the Society in that dim period when it was the tenant of the Greys —were at this time deposited. Some books at least were saved, owing, probably, to the fact that the fire originated on the floor above, and on the opposite side of the staircase. Some of the Society's records have come down to us. But of the oldest manuscripts—order-books, ledgers, admission-registers, etc.—used by Segar a few years earlier, no tidings have since 1684 been heard. The new Library was, one gathers, a handsome room; items in the accounts show that the joiner's work therein cost not less than £90,[2] which was more, by over £20, than was paid in Queen Anne's time for wainscotting the Hall. In this, as in other reconstructions of the period—notably that necessitated by a third fire, which three years later on a masquerade night destroyed a large part of Holborn Court—strong and convenient brick buildings took the place of structures wherein the carpenter and the plasterer rather than the bricklayer would seem to have been employed, and fire found an easy prey. Safety, uniformity, various features of utility, were gained; of what was lost, any who can picture Gray's Inn built in the manner of Tudor and early Stuart days can form an estimate.

One innovation which was contemplated was not carried out. We have seen that in February, 1683-4, the Benchers had thought of erecting, "for the service of God and the honour of this Society," a new Chapel, on a new site—that of the row of buildings which had divided Coney and Chapel Courts. Any offer made by Barebone in regard to the enterprise was evidently rejected, as involving damage to the interests of the Inn. On the other hand the financial position of the Society at the time no less evidently made it impossible for the Benchers to carry out the scheme on their own account. In May, 1689, indeed, a plan for a new Chapel was drawn, and the Preacher, Dr. Wake, was desired to "promote the building by obteyning contributions for the same," of course from members of the Society. Nothing, however, seems to have been done till February, 1698-9, and the order then made was for a rebuilding on the old site. The Chapel "being much in decay and very ruinous," was to be "taken down so far as should be thought fitt," and repaired, altered, and modelled as the wisdom of a Committee of the Bench aided by surveyors might dictate. The bricklaying connected with the work cost over £310.[2] As to the change made we have little information, but in one respect

[1] See Appendix IV.

[2] To find the modern equivalent of sums of money in that period one must multiply them by four or five.

at least it was for the better; the chambers over the Chapel disappeared. The internal arrangements, described in an order of 1702,[1] included a gallery in the south-east of the building, in which seats were reserved for Judges and Serjeants, three pews[2] under it and one facing them on the other side of the Communion Table appropriated to Benchers, pews facing east for the Ancients, Barristers, and Students and their friends, and at the west end a Ladies' gallery, the presence of the gentler sex in the Chapel having in, and since, 1686 been sanctioned. A new "carved"[3] Communion Table was bought and covered with a cloth edged with gold fringe, but the Elizabethan pulpit was not displaced.

Besides the above works, we find that in 1670 Finch's Buildings, and in 1676 part of the west and north sides of Coney Court, were pulled down and rebuilt; that in 1682-3 Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon and two others, evidently trustees for her son Waller, obtained a lease of the site of Grimston's Buildings and erected thereon a new pile of chambers which were unfortunately allowed, after Bacon's Buildings were burnt down, to be known by their name; that at the same time a further part of the north side of Coney Court was demolished and new erected in uniformity with the rest; that in 1685 Howland's, Cage's, Goodricke's, Downes' and Ellis' Buildings were pulled down and rebuilt;[4] that in 1687 new staircases on the site of Osbaldeston's Buildings, where Sir John Holt had lodged, were so erected as to leave space for a passage from Holborn Court to Chapel Court at the east end of the Chapel, that in the following year the gate-house on the east side of what is now Gray's Inn Square was demolished and a new one built, and that in 1695 the widow of Sir Richard Allebone, or her trustee, obtained a lease of Warwick Garden and built thereon houses which now form part of Gray's Inn Place, numbers 1 and 2 of the said Place being, however, of a date some nineteen years later. In 1712 Butler's and Davenport's Buildings were pulled down that fresh erections might cover their respective sites.

The Hall, during this period, escaped fire and any drastic restoration, though in 1706 the interior was repanelled. But at the death of Queen Anne it stood in new surroundings. Some few old piles of chambers[5] remained to be replaced in the Georgian period. But it may be said that between 1669 and 1714, except for the Hall, parts of the Chapel, and a morsel here and there of the various courts, Gray's Inn was rebuilt.

In this period, as in that covered by the previous volume, the records of

[1] See p. 137.

[2] That the pews had doors appears by an order on p. 119 made in reference to an offence which is, surely, without parallel.

[3] See p. 395.

[4] The passage out of Holborn Court into Bentley's Rents was in 1680 finally abolished, and when Howland's Buildings were rebuilt all trace of it, most probably, disappeared. See pp. 62 and 64. The surmise on p. 119 of the former volume that Bentley's Rents survive in a portion of Castle Court must, I think, be abandoned. The Rents were further north. Ellis' Buildings are intended in the orders on pp. 82 and 83.

[5] *E.g.* those on the south side of Holborn Court (South Square).

Gray's Inn contain little reference to the events which stand out prominently in those of the nation. The agitation in regard to the alleged "Popish plot" is illustrated by the issue of orders requiring "all papists or so reputed within the Society" to take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, and perhaps by the appointment of William Claget, a prominent writer against the Roman claims, to be Preacher. An incident of 1681 seems to show that while, during the latter portion of Charles II's reign, there were among the members of the Society both adherents of the Court party, and champions of parliamentary government, the majority were inclined to Whig principles. Scroggs, the Chief Justice, had been a Barrister, though never a Bencher, of the Society, and out of compliment to him the promotion of his son in the Inn was expedited. After less than two years at the Bar the young man was called to be an Ancient and an Associate of the Bench. In April, 1681, as a solatium to his father, who was at that time displaced and pensioned, he was made a King's Counsel, and in the following month was invited to become a Bencher. Before he had received his vote in Pension, however, he headed a movement among the least valuable members of the Society[1] for presenting an address of thanks to the King for dissolving Parliament, and, being strongly opposed by both Barristers and Benchers, took part in a disorderly scene in the Hall. The occasion was commemorated, either by Scroggs himself or by one of his supporters, in some verses which incidentally explain why the bestowal of the said vote was deferred for some eighteen months. They are entitled "The Lawyer's Demurrer argued by the Loyall Addressers the gentlemen of Grays Inne against an order made by the Bench of the said Society."[2] They begin:

> Dear friends and good people with gowns and with none,
> I'll tell you a tale of a parcell of Whiggs.

The second verse runs:

> By a musty old custome call'd Order of Pension,
> Giving thanks to the King was judg'd an affray,
> And straight they decreed it was just to disbench one[3]
> For showing himself more loyall than they.
> So thus the *Dom: Com:*
> Speak loudly for some,[4]
> But propose the King's int'rest—
> The word shall be mum.

And each verse ends with the refrain:

> You mortalls of law be confounded for ever
> Who refuse an address made to your law-giver.

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[1] See note on p. 66. [2] *Cf.* the order on pp. 65 and 66.

[3] In the broadside which contains this effusion a capital S is printed against this line, and a hand of the period has added "croggs." For the full text see "Poetical Broadsides," Brit. Mus. 1872, a. 1. I owe the reference to the late Dr. Lupton.

[4] Probably a reference is intended to William Williams who had been Speaker, and was at the time Treasurer of the Society.

The characteristic tendency of James II appears in the facts that in November, 1686, a Roman Catholic barrister of the Inn, Richard Allebone, was made a King's Counsel, and that in the same month, and again in the following February, royal "recommendation" procured the calling of a number of Roman Catholic students to the Bar. In the "Biographia Britannica" (1763) a statement by "Mr. Beauvoir of Canterbury,"[1] is recorded that "on the death of Dr. Claget [the Preacher] the King sent a message to the Society not to proceed to an election till they heard from him, but they returned an answer that they had already chosen Dr. Wake." This does not seem quite to harmonize with the fact that six weeks elapsed between Claget's death and Wake's election, but it may be true. In the trial of the seven Bishops several Gray's Inn men bore a part—Powell and Allebone on the Bench, Williams and Baldocke as counsel for the Crown, Levinz as counsel for the Bishops. But the only reference in these records to the events which followed that trial is a laconic note: "Memorandum that Hillary terme was not kept by reason of the Revolution of the Government."

In regard to domestic politics, the Pension orders of this period contain record of two important decisions. With the cessation of the system whereby the ranks of the Benchers had been recruited through the annual election of a Reader, it became customary to summon fairly long lists of senior barristers to accept a call to the Bench on the conditions prevalent. Of those summoned some deferred, and others never tendered, their acceptance of the honour. Probably the practice was to call Ancients who were in commons in the order of their seniority, excepting only those in whose case the Benchers knew of objections which might, or might not, be such as could fitly, and for the general advantage, be set forth in documentary form. This was in harmony with the ancient usage in the election of Readers,[2] and in January, 1689-90, received the sanction of high authority. For in that month a tribunal consisting of the Judges who had been members of Gray's Inn—Holt, Neville, Gregory, and Turton—heard an appeal by John Try, an Ancient of the Society, who had been passed over in two several calls to the Bench thereof, and had petitioned in vain for the privilege which had been granted to some of his juniors. He seems to have contended that in the absence of cause shown, Barristers had a right to be admitted to the Bench in order of seniority. But his appeal was dismissed with a declaration by Chief Justice Holt that there was no such right; that call to the Bench was discretionary, and that no reason for refusing such call need in any case be assigned.[3] In November, 1694, the Pension again exercised the powers thus declared to be in its possession by refusing to admit to its number an applicant who based his claim on his recent selection to be King's Counsel.[4]

The Benchers continued to be their own Local Authority. They made and enforced building rules; they had their own system of scavenging and

[1] As to him see Dr. Lupton's "Archbishop Wake and the Project of Union," pp. 45, 47.

[2] See former volume, pp. 123 *sqq.* [3] Pp. 106, 107. [4] P. 120.

their own watchmen—increased in 1679 from three to eight in number. After the second of the three fires already mentioned they bought a fire-engine for themselves, though engines from outside did not cease to be in request upon occasion. In 1688 the Treasurer was directed to "provide for this Society a competent number of such lights as they have in the Temple." Further consideration, however, led to the appointment of a committee to investigate the lighting question without reference to plans elsewhere adopted. Five years elapsed, during which a strict economy was rendered necessary, and then, in 1694, Mr. Vernatty was commissioned to provide and maintain "fowerteen lamps to burn till twelve of the clock in the night" in the several courts.

Before the Restoration members of the Society had been guilty of housing their wives and families in their chambers. The practice was continued during this period, and more than one order was made for the removal of the ladies.[1] One gathers that their presence was due to the unprosperity of their lords and masters. There seems no reason to suppose that at this time women of a less reputable kind were to be found lodging in the Inn, though later on we find orders which may betoken attempts by such persons to reside in the chambers.

During the reigns of the last two Stuarts, the revels, which formed a time-honoured feature in the life of Gray's Inn, took the form of masquerades. At one of these held on Candlemas Day—the Grand Day of Hilary Term—in 1670-1, Charles II himself was present.[2] To another, in 1682-3, he was ceremoniously invited, and probably came.[3] A third, during the reign of his brother, is mentioned in connection with the fire which took place in Holborn Court[4] on the same night—21st January, 1686-7. Probably this was the last. Soon after the Revolution the finances of the Inn were discovered to be in so unsatisfactory a condition that for six months the Society did not supply any wine in the Hall, and the Grand Day of the autumn term of 1690 was not kept. Lack of means, together with the changes already mentioned in regard to the numbers and aims of those who entered themselves as students, and the danger of fire to which masquerades conduced, would account for the discontinuance of these entertainments. The said danger, on the other hand, did not prevent the celebration of various events by means of bonfires.

Nor did the Society cease to be given to hospitality. In June, 1701, it was ordered that "whereas the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple did invite and splendidly entertaine the Bench of this Society for a continuacon of an antient amity," the Bench of the Inner Temple should be entertained in return at Gray's Inn, and as it was ordered so it was done.[5] As to less exceptional functions, the numerous Grand weeks enumerated on

[1] See *e.g.* pp. 31, 39, and 52.

[2] See note on p. 14. The fact that his presence was not mentioned in the Gray's Inn records affords an answer to the contention that the non-mention of any visit by Queen Elizabeth in the previous century disproves the tradition that she came to the Inn.

[3] See note on p. 69. [4] See notes on pp. 87 and 88. [5] See p. 396.

page 245 of the previous volume can hardly have been kept during the abeyance of the monarchy; any revival of them after the Restoration was clearly short-lived, and with the cessation of Readings opportunities for receiving guests were further diminished;[1] but from the Restoration onwards we find mention of four Grand Days in the year, one in each term—namely, the Church festivals of Candlemas Day, Ascension Day, St. John Baptist's Day, and All Saints Day. On these days there was a special sermon—sometimes by a preacher invited for the occasion[2]—in the Chapel, and a feast in the Hall, the latter being accompanied, or followed, by a performance of music.[3]

The dinner hour of the period was one o'clock, altered in 1713 to two; and suppers were served in the Hall down to 1716. The time for Pensions, audit-meetings, and moots was after supper; that meal being eaten, it would seem, about seven o'clock. The food was simple; the wine chiefly claret, which cost, in 1685, £10 7*s.* a hogshead. The allowance at the Bench table, in 1692, savoured of austerity—a bottle to a mess for each of the two meals.[4] In 1710, however, we hear of an increase in the allowance of the Ancients and Barristers from two glasses a day per man to a bottle a day;[5] and one presumes that a call to the high table was not permitted to place any member at a disadvantage. But at no time during this period do we find any suggestion of hard drinking in the Hall.

The Sunday morning service in the Chapel was at nine; Evening Prayer, which had been at four o'clock prior to the Restoration, would seem to have been for a period immediately previous to 1725 at some hour earlier than three.[6] There were also two services every week day. It was still the custom that members should wear their gowns in the Chapel as well as in the Hall.

The Sunday afternoon sermon seems to have been the occasion of some friction. It appears that the Preacher, Dr. Cradock, had given the Reader, Mr. Gatford, at first twenty pounds a year, and, latterly, the use of his set of chambers over the Chapel, in consideration of his, Mr. Gatford's, undertaking to preach in the afternoons, and that this arrangement had been sanctioned by the Bench.[7] In November, 1672, the set of chambers was taken over by the Society, which engaged in return to pay the Reader twenty pounds a year for taking the afternoon sermon. Just then Gatford resigned and the new Reader, Spranger, refused to preach on these terms.[8] It was then ordered that Dr. Cradock should find

[1] P. 67.

[2] The present custom of inviting an outside preacher once a term may have had its origin in this old means of marking the four festivals. Grand Days, however, became in the reign of George II movable occasions—see note on page 244—and according to the present arrangement three out of the four festivals fall outside the dining terms.

[3] We are not to understand from the order of Feb. 1681-2 (p. 67) that any of these four days were at that time abandoned, for the accounts prove the contrary. The reference in that order must be to Grand days which fell in the vacations, such as Easter and Whitsuntide.

[4] P. 112.

[5] P. 154.

[6] P. 194.

[7] Pp. 18, 21.

[8] P. 24.

an afternoon Preacher, whom the Society should pay. Accordingly, for a while, a Mr. Rasbury officiated, the Bench allowing him ten shillings a Sunday, and, after him, Messrs. Brooksby, Standish, and Boughton. In 1677, however, it was decided to "discourse Doct^r Cradock . . . why he doth not take care for preaching in the afternoon as his predicessors did do formerly," and subsequently to order "that Dr Cradock haveing the same allowance hee had at his first comeing to the house do find a preacher in the afternoon."[1] After eighteen months Cradock's resignation was tendered and accepted, and the next Preacher (Claget) was awarded for the same duties a stipend larger by fifty pounds a year[2] than that of his, perhaps, too contentious predecessor. Wake enjoyed the same stipend as Claget, but it was decided in 1692 that his successor should have no more than the hundred and fifty pounds which Cradock had received.[3]

The greatest man nurtured in the Inn during this period was, no doubt, John Holt. As the son of a Bencher, he was admitted to the Society while still a child. His call to the Bar was given him by the Lent Reader, Hardres, on Candlemas Day, 1663-4. He was made an Ancient in 1676, and took his seat among the Benchers in 1682. His chambers were on the first floor on the middle staircase in Osbaldeston's Buildings, approximately in the position now occupied by the northern half of the East Library.[4] He was never called upon to read, and his early appointment to be a Serjeant prevented his being elected Treasurer. To estimate his services to his country is no task for one who is not a lawyer. The description of him in No. 14 of the "Tatler" may well, however, be quoted here: "He was a man of profound knowledge of the laws of his country, and as just an observer of them in his own person. . . . The criminal before him was always sure that he stood before his country, and, in a sort, a parent of it. The prisoner knew that, though his spirit was broken with guilt, and incapable of language to defend itself, all would be gathered from him which could conduce to his safety; and that his judge would wrest no law to destroy him, nor conceal anything that could save him." The Inn was also represented on the King's Bench by Richard Allebone, Robert Baldock, William Scroggs, and Thomas Stringer; at the Common Pleas by Thomas Raymond, John Powell, Creswell Levinz, Edward Lutwyche, and Thomas Rookeby; at the Exchequer by Thomas Bury, William Carr, Francis Crawley, William Gregory (afterwards a Judge of the King's Bench), Charles Ingleby, Salathiel Lovell, Edward Nevill, Thomas Powell, William Rawlinson, John Rotheram, John Smith, John Turton and Richard Weston; and on the Irish Bench by Lord Justice Sir Cyril Wych. Among members who were distinguished otherwise than by appointment to the Judicial Bench may be mentioned: Sir Robert Carr, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; Richard, Earl of Burlington and Cork,

[1] P. 46. "Find" in this case seems to have meant "pay" as well as "discover."

[2] P. 55.

[3] The modern equivalent of the £150 of that period would be £600 or more; so it was a liberal stipend.

[4] P. 53.

Lord High Treasurer of Ireland; Sir George Hutchings, Commissioner of the Great Seal; Sir William Jones, Attorney-General in 1675; Sir William Williams, Solicitor-General in 1687; Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey, Thomas Rymer, the compiler of the "Foedera," and Narcissus Luttrell, the Diarist.

II. Gray's Inn in the Eighteenth Century

Between the death of Queen Anne and the end of the eighteenth century, the history of Gray's Inn was comparatively uneventful. Changes were slow and slight. The Society settled down to the quiet life naturally most congenial to a body now chiefly composed of serious students and busy professional men. It may be said, too, that though inferior in point of its total membership,[1] and of its roll of distinguished alumni, as well as of its educational efficiency, and, indeed, of general vitality, to the standard reached and maintained in recent years, it was in possession of most of the main features which it presents to-day. Moreover its home had acquired a general aspect but little different[2] from that which meets the eye of the modern Londoner. At the same time I believe that by those who desire to know the stages by which the regulations, customs, and general atmosphere, as well as certain topographical features, of Gray's Inn came to be as the present generation knows them, the records of this period will be found to be by no means lacking in interest.

The beginning of the century now to be considered found the Society in litigation with respect to the fee farm rent which, since the dissolution of the Convent of Sheen, had been paid to the Crown, but had been balanced by a payment due from the Crown for the chaplain's stipend founded in 1315 by John de Grey. In 1668 the Benchers had been called upon for the rent, then five years in arrear, and had had to convince a reluctant Treasury of the Crown's obligation in the matter of the arrears of the stipend. All was made fair and square up to 1671. Within the next few years, however, the fee farm rent was sold by the Crown, and the chaplain's ten marks ceased to be forthcoming. Sir Phillip Mathewes, the purchaser of the rent, appears to have made a claim on the Society in 1679,[3] but for twenty years after that date no payment was made by the successive Treasurers to him, and yet no proceedings were taken. In 1699, however, we hear of a bill of Lady Mathewes, probably Sir Phillip's widow, in the Exchequer, and, in 1701, of a committee of Benchers appointed to "manage the cause in the Exchequer against Sir John Mathewes." A solicitor and counsel were engaged, but in May, 1702, as the result probably of a compromise, a sum equal to half the arrears of

[1] For a parallel to the average of admissions during the fifteen years ending with 1909 one has to look back to the Caroline period.

[2] The most obvious differences would be in the eastern half of the north side of South Square, which was transformed piecemeal at different dates during the nineteenth century, and in the existence of Raymond's and Verulam Buildings.

[3] P. 56.

rent for the thirty years ending Michaelmas, 1701, was paid to Sir John, and accepted as full satisfaction of his claim. The amount due from the Crown to the Society was, one supposes, written off as a bad debt. The £6 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum was duly paid after 1701 until early in 1733-4, when the then Treasurer of Gray's Inn appears to have seized, on his own responsibility, an opportunity of buying it up at twenty-seven years purchase. Only two years before, it had been ordered that no Treasurer should "lay out above ye sum of five pounds without an order of Pencon except it be for ye payment of ye house debts." It need hardly be said, however, that this Treasurer—Mr. Andrew Wither—subsequently received for his act the sanction[1] of his brother Benchers.

This transaction was part of a policy, pursued since 1716, of stricter attention on the part of the Benchers to the financial position of the Society. In the past subscriptions for special objects had been forthcoming from all ranks of the members; Readers and Treasurers had spent lavishly from their own purses on hospitality; dues for the stipends of certain officials had been levied and partly collected by means of "rolls," but there had been little or no attempt to husband, or develop systematically, the resources of which the Treasurers—nominally at least—had charge for expenditure which should be that of the Society itself. During the latter half of the seventeenth century the need of new methods had been more than once made manifest. Two Treasurers had been subjected to adverse criticism; the accounts had in many years been defective; the stipends of officials were often in arrear; the charges made by the Society had been inadequate, and payment of debts had not been enforced. In May, 1716, a committee, on which most of the Benchers served, began an investigation, and their report was presented to Pension in the following February. As a result the time of keeping commons was reduced to three weeks in each term; the evening prayers in the Chapel were ordered to be said at a time when candles would not be required; a subordinate butlership was abolished, and measures were ordered for securing the payment of debts to the House. In 1720 representatives of the Bar and students were invited to make suggestions,[2] the net result of which, however, appears to have been the suppression of the separate office of scavenger. But in a short time, chiefly through a device[3] by which holders of chambers were required to pay periodical "fines on renewal" in addition to their very low rents, a better position was achieved. From 1724 onwards there were small sums available for investment in South Sea and East India Bonds,[4] and we hear no more of any embarrassment.

In this connection the Society's dealings with banks may be mentioned As early as 1695 a sum received in respect of a lease had been lodged for a

[1] P. 221.

[2] Cf. Proceedings at Lincoln's Inn. Black Books, vol. iii, pp. 163, 164, 165.

[3] See schemes for renewal on pp. 180, 208, 228, etc.

[4] See, *e.g.*, pp. 192 and 218.

while in the Bank of England. But it was not till 1744 that the Benchers began business relations with "Mr. Child and Co.," and not till six years later that they opened the regular account which has gone on ever since. In 1782 a committee recommended dealings with Messrs. Hoare, but no order of Pension ensued.

In the first year of George I the Benchers were sounded on behalf of the two Societies of the Serjeants' Inns as to their willingness to entertain a project for building an Inn for Judges and Serjeants along the western side of Gray's Inn Walks—a site now covered, in part at least, by Raymond's Buildings. The Serjeants' Inns in Fleet Street and Chancery Lane were both held on lease, the one from the Dean and Chapter of York, the other from the Bishop of Ely, and probably the advantage to the tenant Societies of a single Inn which could accommodate both of them on land for which they would not be asked the market price had occurred to one, or more, learned minds. On the other hand, the desirability from another point of view that such an Inn should be built in such a position, with or without payment of a ground-rent, was naturally not unapparent to the Pension. Nothing more, however, was heard during the next few years from the Serjeants, and in February, 1718-9, the Benchers for the improvement of their revenue contemplated an erection of other buildings, not on the western, but on the northern, side of their gardens. Two years passed without further reference to the matter. Then a message was brought from the Lord Chief Justice—Sir John Pratt—expressing a willingness on the part of the Judges to take the ground previously indicated if a sufficient space could be afforded them.[1] By November, 1725, when Sir Robert Raymond was Chief Justice, negotiations appear to have been further advanced,[2] Serjeant Whitacre being the representative of the two Serjeants' Societies. Correspondence was continued for two years, but, for some unrecorded reason, the proposal came to nothing.

In November, 1730, on the initiative of the Benchers of the Inner Temple, a conference was held between the Benches of the two Societies as to the qualifications to be required of candidates for call to the Bar. The Societies of Lincoln's Inn and the Middle Temple were not on this occasion represented, but held a meeting of their own.[3] However, shortly afterwards delegates from each of the four Inns met for discussion, and this was the harbinger of a series of conferences designed to secure a harmonious policy in regard to calls.[4] Some of these meetings were held at the King's Head Tavern, and some at the Crown and Rolls in Chancery Lane, identical, I take it, with the house described in the accounts as "Symond's Inn." In other cases the place of meeting was the debating chamber of the Society desiring discussion.

Between the Restoration and 1759 a practice prevailed of calling men to the Bar *ex gratia* on recommendatory letters from the Chancellor or Judges,

[1] P. 178.
[2] Pp. 197, 198.
[3] Black Books of Lincoln's Inn, vol. iii, p. 295.
[4] Pp. 296 *sqq.*

without insisting on their having qualified themselves in the usual way. But by the regulations students had had to keep three moots in the Inns of Chancery and six in the House;[1] they had had to be of seven years standing as members, to have been in commons for five years "in every terme two weekes and in every long vacacon foure weekes," and to have a chamber in the House;[2] also to have paid all duties, taken the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and received the Sacrament of Holy Communion. What change —if any—was made in 1733[3] is not recorded. But in 1762 the four Inns simultaneously adopted rules that Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Laws of Oxford or Cambridge might be called at the end of three years, and other members at the end of five years from the date of admission, after keeping commons for twelve terms, and that no attorney, or clerk in Chancery, or the Exchequer, should be called until he had discontinued practising as such for at least two years.[4] The current rules as to exercises, possession of a chamber, the oaths, the payment of duties and reception of the Sacrament, however, remained in force.[5] In 1798 the minimum required for keeping a term was declared to be presence in Hall at least three days in such term at the time when Grace is said after dinner. The regulations made between 1762 and 1800 disclose an approach to the present position of the matter, though, of course, the substitution of examinations for moots which had become merely ceremonial has distinguished that position from all preceding phases.

In 1684 an order had been made constituting a call-day, but it was not adhered to. Down to, and long after, the end of the eighteenth century there was no practice of confining calls to one day in each term.[6]

In January, 1753, with a view to the improvement of legal education, the Bench appointed a lecturer in the person of Danby Pickering, a barrister of the Society, who for sixteen years gave lectures in the Hall. The lectures were evidently of a high order,[7] but if the attendance was ever good, it had by 1761 grown slack.[8] Pickering held his post till he was called to the Bench,[9] but that event evidently afforded a convenient occasion for dropping an institution for which there was no adequate demand.

Several alterations in regard to precedence in the Society were made during the latter half of the century. The custom by which the Treasurer has the seat of honour in Hall during his year of office would seem to date from 1755,[10] and the position of his name at the head of the lists of those present in Pension from 1786.[11] Though the Treasurership was always conferred by election, a resolution was passed in 1744 that the office should go by rotation, and its rigid limitation to the period of one year dates from the same time.[12]

[1] See pp. 16 and 17; also note on p. 152.

[2] Pp. 39, 52, and 175. In and after 1725 they could, in lieu of renting a chamber, pay £20.

[3] See p. 219. [4] Pp. 297, 298. [5] P. 301. Case of Roger Pocklington.

[6] It was in 1852 that call-day was appointed to be the sixteenth of every term. The call supper on the other hand was an old custom in 1795. See p. 375.

[7] P. 277. [8] P. 294. [9] Pp. 308, 309. [10] P. 281.

[11] The custom by which he presided is, probably, much earlier. [12] P. 245.

In 1786 it was decided that King's Counsel, as such, had no claim to any preference in regard to election. After the cessation of Readings until 1759, Benchers took their places according to the date of their admission to the Society. In that year it was decided that they should take them according to the date of their call to the Bench. At the same time it was ordered that the seniority, of which account should be taken in calls to the Bench, should be reckoned from the date of call to the Bar. In 1770, consistently with this regulation, it was directed that, in Hall, Barristers should take their places according to seniority at the Bar, and not, as formerly, according to seniority as members of the Society.[1]

The frequency of Pensions has varied at different periods in the history of Gray's Inn. In William III's reign there were sometimes three in a week; sometimes but two in a term. In 1727 none were held after June, and in the following year none between February and June. But this was in defiance of the rule which had been made in 1722 that a Pension should be held every Saturday in term, and that when occasion required Pensions should also take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In November, 1786, this rule was altered, and the Benchers met on Wednesdays and Fridays in term, and on the last day but one of each term. Nine years later they modified this arrangement by dropping the Friday meetings.[2] The Treasurer's casting-vote at Pensions was conferred on him in 1765,[3] and the quorum for a Pension was ordered in 1799 to be five Benchers. The place of meeting was for the greater part of the century at what is now No. 1, Gray's Inn Square, the removal to the room at the east end of the Hall taking place in 1788.[4]

Some of the more stirring political events of the period are reflected in the records. The accounts show that in the early years of George I bonfires gave expression to the antipathy of the Society towards intrigues, or movements, in the interests of Romanism, or the restoration of the Stuarts. They were burnt on November 4th, for the landing of William III, on November 5th for the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot, and on November 17th for the accession of Queen Elizabeth; also on the respective birthdays of the reigning King and of Queen Elizabeth.[5] The same antipathy was manifested in 1745; at a time when the Pretender, Charles Edward, was on the march southward, the Benchers joined in an address to George II expressive of detestation for "the present wicked and most ungratefull rebellion," and of their resolution to defend his "sacred person and government" and the Protestant succession.[6] The state of feeling in the country as to the question

[1] P. 313. [2] P. 375. [3] P. 304. [4] See pp. 354, 438.

[5] Similar observances had prevailed at the Inner Temple from 1691 onwards. The mention of them at Gray's Inn for the first time in 1718 marks, not their date of origin, but the inauguration in 1717 of more careful accounting. The solemn drinking in Hall to the memory of good Queen Bess probably dates from the time when admirers belonging to another learned profession referred to the "happy memory" of "that bright occidental Star." It is disappointing, though not in any way astonishing, that no mention appears anywhere in the records of this custom, or of that whereby on Grand Days bits of toast and a loving cup are handed round by servants before dinner. [6] Pp. 249, 250.

of the American colonies was represented in the Inn. In November, 1775, the Society subscribed a hundred guineas[1] in face of a protest by some of its younger members,[2] for those who had suffered, or should suffer, in respect of the operations entailed "in suppressing ye Rebellion now existing in his Majestie's colonies in North America." In connection with the Gordon riots of 1780 a meeting was held to concert measures of defence, and extra watchmen were engaged.[3] The wars with which the century closed are indicated by the large amounts—relatively to those of past times and to the income of the Society—paid in various taxes,[4] by a bounty voted in 1797 for men to serve in the army,[5] by a subscription of £500 in 1798 "to the exigencies of the State," and by the grant of the Walks as a drill ground for the "Armed Association" formed in adjoining parishes.[6]

The Library of the Inn became during the eighteenth century a more important institution than it had ever been before. Probably at no time previous to the fire of 1683-4, certainly at no time between that date and 1725, had there been any large number of books therein.[7] Nor can they have been well-thumbed by students. The room had been used for moots and other purposes,[8] but except at the times appointed for such uses it had apparently been locked up, and members desiring to consult the books therein had had first to summon the library keeper to attend them. The forty years after the fire had been lean years for the Society, but by 1725 its financial position was showing improvement, and a committee was then appointed to consider projects for developing the Library. The result was a resolution "that a publick Library be sett up and kept open for ye use of ye Society" and that a list of books should be selected for purchase. A new building was also contemplated. It would seem, however, that the Benchers came to think that there was less of an effective demand for Library facilities than they had anticipated. The idea of a new building was quietly dropped, and a few months after the orders for reform were passed they harked back to the old arrangement as to admission. The key was restored to the butler who had kept it, with an order that he should wait upon any members "while they shall have occasion to look into any of ye books in ye Library so as it be at a reasonable time in ye day and not on Sundays." The Barristers and Students, however, petitioned that the room might be kept open all day, and this was granted. The Chapel Reader was appointed Librarian, but, proving negligent, he was superseded in 1729 in favour of a layman.

The books were from this time forward slowly, but steadily, increased. All proposed purchases had, by an order of 27th June, 1729, to be sanctioned by Pension, and the first book acquired under this order was, naturally enough, an edition of "the Lord Bacon's works." In 1737 the rebuilding of the south row of Holborn Court was in hand, and the project of a new Library, as part of the scheme, was again entertained, but again quietly

[1] P. 323. [2] P. 326. [3] Pp. 331 (note) and 414. [4] Pp. 417, 418.
[5] P. 377. [6] P. 380. [7] For an account of the books see p. 439.
[8] As to one of these see p. 438.

dropped. In 1750 a new catalogue was made by Thomas Adams, then under-Steward, a man who served the Society long and well, and a book-plate was engraved for insertion in all the books—still apparently under two thousand in number.[1] In 1757 a bequest from Henry Hawley was expended on books, and four years later new shelf-room was required.[2] In 1789 the books and manuscripts were at last moved from their old quarters at No. 1, Coney Court (Gray's Inn Square), and installed in the room—now one of several Library rooms—which lies between the Hall and Chapel and faces north. Among the booksellers with whom the Society dealt were Richard and Jacob Tonson, Thomas Osbourne, and Fletcher Gyles, all of whom had shops in the Inn.

The Chapel would seem, from the regulations as to seating which were from time to time issued,[3] to have been not only used by a large number of the members, but in request among outsiders. And this in spite of the fact that there was neither choir nor organ therein, the duty of "setting the Psalms" being laid upon the Chapel-clerk.[4] On Parliamentary fast-days, as well as on Sundays, there were sermons. Until a change made in 1789, morning and evening prayers were said daily, and, as there was, of course, no annual exodus from London in those days, services went on during the long vacation. The Chapel was evidently well supplied with hangings, cushions, and service books.[5] At various times considerable sums were spent on repairs. From 1707 onwards the alms were collected in silver salvers;[6] in 1763 an "altar-piece" was ordered;[7] in 1767 the old silver Communion plate was gilded at a cost of £38 14*s.* 5*d.* It is clear that, even in the era of stucco and whitewash, all things were, here, done "decently and in order."

The Preachers of the century included Robert Moss, Dean of Ely, Henry Stebbing, Archdeacon of Wilts, and his son of the same name, and Walter King, afterwards Bishop of Rochester. Moss employed, among other assistants, Sir Thomas Gooch, who was in 1748 appointed to the see of Ely.[8] At his death the Bench altered the system which had left the provision of pulpit-help to the Preacher, by appointing his successor with a smaller stipend[9] and the style of "Morning Preacher," they themselves selecting an "Afternoon Preacher." The office of the latter was distinct from that of the Reader, though for a while one man, William Noble, held both. From 1744 till after the end of the century the Morning Preachers had a house in that part of Warwick Court which is now known as Gray's Inn Place.

Besides the authorized services in the Chapel of the Inn, some which were unauthorized were held during the first half of the century in a chamber which became known to those concerned as "Mr. Blackbourne's Chapel."[10] John Blackbourne and Richard Rawlinson, who officiated, had

[1] Pp. 266, 407. [2] P. 294. [3] Pp. 137, 278. [4] P. 238.
[5] See, *e.g.*, pp. 213, 289. [6] Pp. 146, 440. [7] P. 299.
[8] Cole MSS., vol. xxx, fo. 166.
[9] This, however, was increased in 1771 to the former figure. See p. 314.
[10] See Overton's "History of the Non-jurors."

been consecrated Bishops by some of the Episcopal Non-jurors, and seem to have performed ordinations as well as other rites in this "oratory." Both occupied themselves with literary work; Blackbourne edited the works of Bacon, and Rawlinson wrote on topography. The latter is said to have lived "in a garret in Gray's Inn,"[1] but as both "Blackbourne's Chapel" and this apartment were necessarily held from a member, and not directly from the Society, the records do not indicate where they were situated.

If during the reign of William III the Walks had, on account of the Society's financial position and the apprehension that their beauty and pleasantness would be destroyed by the increase of building on the west and north,[2] received little attention, they were, on the whole, during the period covered by this volume, carefully maintained. Access to them was perhaps too easy. Not only had they been a promenade ground for the fine ladies whose dress fashions Mrs.—and Mr.—Pepys were fond of observing, but in 1701 "Capt. Greenwood was tried for killing Mr. Otway in a duel in Graies Inn Walkes and found guilty of manslaughter,"[3] and in 1711 the Bench found it necessary to direct the gardener to admit "no ordinary men women or children into the Walkes nor noe lewd or confident women nor any in vizor maskes," and to "suffer no person to breake any boughs from young trees." The gardener apparently found his charge onerous, for in 1718 "great damage" was found to have been done, and he himself, as well as members of the Society, had been insulted there. He was empowered to turn out disorderly persons, and, with the consent of any three Benchers, to lock up the Walks at the time when disorders more particularly occurred—Sunday afternoons.

The handsome iron gates which still, after a hundred and eighty-seven years, grace the entry from Field Court, bear witness that the Society was in the time of George I proud of its gardens, and this witness is corroborated by various orders which may be found by consulting the index to this volume. One act, indeed, is hard to justify. Some concern had been shown, when a building scheme was before the Bench in 1718,[4] for the preservation of "Bacon's Mount," and the project for a Serjeants' Inn covering the site of it came to nothing. But in 1755, without any assigned reason, but probably on account of the ruinous condition of the seat or summer-house which perpetuated the memory of Bacon's friend, Bettenham, it was ordered that "the mount called"—*called*, forsooth!—"Bacon's Mount be taken away and cleared and the ground covered with grass."[5] Still, at the end of the century—we have Charles Lamb's word for it—Gray's Inn Walks were "the best gardens of any of the Inns of Court . . . their aspect being altogether reverend and law-abiding."

[1] Nichols' "Literary Anecdotes," vol. v, p. 704. Rawlinson's brother Thomas had a set of chambers in the Inn in which he collected so many books that he was obliged to sleep in the passage.

[2] P. 150.

[3] Luttrell's "Brief Relation," Sept. 4th, 1701.

[4] P. 173.

[5] P. 281.

As already intimated, if we except the south row of Holborn Court, which, in pursuance of the financial policy mentioned on page xxii, was rebuilt not according to the old custom by one, or more, individual members of the Society, but by the Society itself, little building work was done during this period. Nos. 2 and 3 in that row were finished in 1738, No. 4 in 1752, and No. 1 in 1760.[1] In 1717 a sundial was erected in Coney Court, and in 1723 the gardener was commissioned to "lay" the court "more beautiful and dry." In 1745 the north porch of the Hall was partly, and some old rooms adjoining it were wholly, demolished, in spite of one Bencher's persistent protest, with a view to a greater regularity[2] in the south row of what was by then known as Coney Court. Among other achievements characteristic of the age, was the painting of the Hall screen.[3] In 1777 the Society built and let a "Gray's Inn Coffee House" on the site of Abington's, just east of the Holborn gateway. The building work done in, and about, 1788, in connection with the establishment of the Pension Chamber and Library in the chambers, formerly used as the office of the Duchy of Lancaster, between the Hall and Chapel, does not appear to have been extensive,[4] but in November, 1789, certain members of the Society obtained permission to bore a tunnel through the pile of old rooms[5] at the west end of the Hall—the remains of Seckford's Buildings—and make the roadway which now connects South Square with Gray's Inn Square.

The lighting of the courts, gateways, and staircases of the Inn was, as time went on, considerably improved, and the orders for innovation in this and cognate matters remind us forcibly of the extent of our progress since the death of Queen Anne. In 1730 an arrangement was made with a Mr. Westby whereby, for £40, the Inn was lighted with twenty globular lamps, burning "from the time it grows dark until two of the clock in the morning," from 1st September till the end of April. In 1732 Benchers had lamps at their chamber doors. In 1739 it appears that thirty-one lamps were lighted in winter and nine in summer. This number was from time to time increased, and in 1777 every landing of every staircase had its lamp. By the end of the century the expenditure on lighting had risen to over two hundred pounds a year. Water, hitherto drawn, one gathers, from wells, was supplied soon after the beginning of George I's reign to the kitchen and the gardener's house through pipes by the Commissioners of the New River, the charge being then, and apparently down to the end of the century, ten pounds a year for the kitchen and thirty shillings for the garden. Water was not at this time allowed to be laid on in the chambers except by special permission, which was rarely asked. Members had to send to the various pumps for any that

[1] For the purchase of old buildings and various orders and details, see pp. 205, 222, 224, 225, 229, 231, 233, 257, 258, 268, 273, 289, and 291.

[2] Pp. 248, 406.

[3] P. 305.

[4] Further alterations were made during the nineteenth century.

[5] The ground-floor rooms, occupying the space actually taken for the tunnel, had been inspected in 1769 (p. 309) to see if they were suitable for a barber's shop, but were in 1771 assigned to the Library Keeper (p. 315).

they wanted. But the days of morning tubs were not yet. Sanitary appliances, too, were still of a primitive kind,[1] the first departure from the ancient form being made in connection with the then new Pension Chamber in 1790.[2]

The watching of the Inn underwent reformation in 1729, when various watchhouses were set up. In 1742 orders were issued that the watchmen in Holborn and Field Courts should "enter into each staircase every hour and there with a loud voice cry the hour of the night and the weather." On what ground the tenants of Coney Court were exempted from this nuisance—if indeed they were exempted—we have no information. In 1761 an additional watchman and a watchhouse were established outside the gate opening into Gray's Inn Lane, and in 1770 Warwick Court was accorded similar protection. In 1793 an armed watchman was stationed in the Walks. A melancholy duty occasionally laid on these officials was connected with the new-born children "dropped" in the darker corners of this, as of the other, Inns. In the accounts for 1781-2,[3] the life-history of one such waif is set forth. She was found; her mother was sought—by advertisement—in vain; she was christened; a woman was paid for nursing "Sarah Burton Gray" for a month "to the day of her death," and the undertaker "for burying ditto."

It was probably with a view to an improvement in local government that in 1737 Toby Chauncey, a member of the Inner Temple, with the aid of William Gylby, one of the Benchers of Gray's Inn, founded the trust relating to the Resident Bencher's Chambers at 2, Gray's Inn Square. A quick resort to authority was to be as generally possible as these two gentlemen could make it. The Chambers are held according to the terms they devised[4] to this day.

The transition during the century to modern habits is illustrated also by the orders fixing the time of day for common events. In 1716 the hour of Sunday morning service was changed from 9 a.m. to 9.45. In 1733-4, it was made 10.30. In 1745, it was ordered to be 11 a.m. The hour of afternoon service varied with the dinner hour. The latter seems to have continued to be 1 p.m. on Sundays, after it was fixed at 2 p.m. for week days; and the service, which had apparently been held at an earlier hour than 3 p.m., was in 1724-5 deferred till that hour. In 1745, the Sunday dinner-hour became 1.30 p.m.; the service-hour, 3.30. In 1759 the former was changed to 2 p.m. and the latter to 4 p.m. In 1777 the service was for the first time arranged to precede the dinner, and the members assembled in the Chapel at 2.45 and in the Hall at 4 p.m. The week-day dinner was at 2 p.m. until 1782, when it was ordered to be at 4 p.m. In regard to some other arrangements there was little or no change. The Library hours were in, and after, 1729, from 9 a.m. till 1 p.m., and from 3 p.m. till 4 p.m. in winter, 3 p.m. till 6 p.m. in summer. Pensions falling in term were always held in the evening, the hour being 6 p.m. in 1722, and 5.30 p.m. in 1786. "Adjourned" Pensions, being out of term, were held at hours varying from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. according to

[1] Pp. 191, 296. [2] Pp. 355, 416. [3] P. 414. [4] P. 229.

convenience. The law lectures given in the Hall between 1753 and 1769 were at 6 p.m.

The records show little trace of extravagance or luxury. When, in 1751, the dinners in Hall were improved, and the charge for commons raised from eight to nine shillings a week, the improvement consisted in a provision of two dishes daily.[1] As for Grand Days, it was ordered that the customary service of roast beef might on these occasions be altered at the discretion of the Bench, and it generally was altered to one of geese, ducks, or capons. The extra food provided for guests at the high table, on a Grand Day, cost but a few shillings.[2] The beverages appear to have been somewhat more varied than in the preceding period, but during the reigns of the first two Georges very little was spent on wine. We hear of red port and sack and white wine and "cool tankards," wherein oranges and lemons were used. In 1735 two bottles of champagne were bought for thirteen shillings, and small quantities of "French clarett," Moselle, and Madeira are mentioned in the accounts. But until 1782, when the dinner-hour was shifted from two to four o'clock, the meetings of Pension seem to have been preceded, or accompanied, by a frugal supper of bread and beer. After the accession of George III the charges for soup and fish seem to show that there were more courses at dinner, and the fashion of port-drinking was evidently followed with some avidity. The wine was bought by the pipe and bottled in the Society's own cellars. The allowance of the House to each mess in the Hall was, in 1797, two bottles, but more could be had by paying for it. We hear, also, during this reign of cyder, hock, claret, burgundy, sherry, and a little champagne; one Bencher was provided with rum; but port evidently reigned supreme. Still even at the end of the century there was no display; the Society seems to have eaten off pewter plates and to have possessed but twelve silver forks;[3] in the Pension Chamber the candles were used till they were burnt out;[4] its walls were painted a French gray colour, and its ceiling, like the Chapel, was whitewashed.[4]

On the other hand, now and then in formal orders, more often in items in the accounts due to a quiet use of the Treasurer's powers, we find traces of kindly aid given to "poor cavelers," "a poor prisoner," "a French refugee," more than one indigent member of the Society, the widows and children of officials, and to others. Again, by votes of Pension the degree-fees of one Preacher were paid;[5] at the death of another the pulpit and desk in the Chapel were hung with mourning;[6] the Society's solicitor had not only his fees, but, on an important occasion, a substantial mark of esteem;[7] the lecturer on law had twenty pounds as a similar mark.[8] Though Justice is its liege lady, the Society has at all times known how to be generous.

Few of the eighteenth-century lawyers are commonly known by name among the laity. It must be said, too, that during the interval between the death of Queen Anne and the end of the eighteenth century, the members of

[1] Pp. 269, 270. [2] Pp. 402, 404. [3] P. 418. [4] Pp. 300, 384.
[5] P. 72. [6] P. 353. [7] P. 332. [8] P. 277.

Gray's Inn commonly known among lawyers are fewer than may be found in periods of similar length before or after. Still there were famous men and there were men who, if they did not win fame, were worthy of the calling wherewith they were called. To mention some of the former class, Lord Raymond, though his political career was sharply criticized, won golden opinions as a Chief Justice; Sir Thomas Clarke, appointed in 1754 Master of the Rolls, whether he was the son of a carpenter, or, as Horace Walpole declared, the illegitimate brother of the Lord Macclesfield to whom he bequeathed his wealth, affords a striking instance of the power which resides in a man of brains and character to force his way to high places; Sir James Eyre's dignified refusal, after winning a case against the government for Wilkes, to present the City's remonstrance on behalf of that demagogue, was a typical act in a career which ended in the presidency of the Court of Common Pleas.[1] The name of Samuel Romilly is perhaps even better known than those of the foregoing in that, descended from Huguenot refugees, he so well repaid by his efforts for criminal law reform, the hospitality of England. Clearly, too, there was no small attraction in the personality of a man whose death could so affect Lord Eldon that at sight of the vacant place within the Bar "his eyes filled with tears"; he exclaimed, "I cannot stay here," "and rising in great agitation, broke up his court."[2] Other members who reached judicial rank were John Birch, Bernard Hale, and Alan Chambre, Barons of the Exchequer. The lesser lights included Peer Williams the reporter, and Serjeants Forster, Cockell, and Clayton. Of men called to the Bar before, and promoted to the Bench after, the year 1800, may be mentioned: George Sowley Holroyd, appointed Justice of the King's Bench in 1816; John Bayley, and Joseph Littledale, appointed to the same Bench respectively in 1808 and in 1824; Stephen Gaselee, who was a Justice of the Common Pleas in 1824; and John Hullock, Baron of the Exchequer in 1823. Among other distinguished members were Charles Wolfran Cornwall, Speaker of the House of Commons from 1780 to 1789, Basil Montagu, editor of Bacon's works, Thomas Creevey, M.P., John Bell, K.C., and Herbert Jenner Fust, Dean of the Arches.

[1] In 1787, while Chief Baron of the Exchequer, he held his court for a time in Gray's Inn Hall. See p. 350.

[2] Twiss, "Life of Lord Eldon."

THE
PENSION BOOK OF GRAY'S INN

PENSION 19th May, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, ARMYNE, EDGAR, HARDRES, WILLIMOTT, FLYNT, LEHUNT, LUTTRELL, VINCENT, RAWORTH and JONES.

DMUND JONES elected Reader[1] for next summer.

"Ordered that Mr. Justinian Pagitt bee called to ye Barr and bee admitted an associate to ye Bench."

Mr. Thomas Newdigate is granted the chamber late Mr. Richard Newdigate's, "one pair of staires high next to ye library."

"22 May 1669

"Whereas Geo: England a Barrister of this house came upp to ye Bench Table in an insolent manner and in afront to ye Bench and disturbance of the hall it is by the Bench ordered and is hereby

[1] The Reader had at this time the privilege of calling three men to the Bar at his Reading. The names of those called thus out of term were not mentioned in the Pension Book. But Segar (Harl. MS., 1912) gives the following list for the years 1663-9: 1st August, 1663, Francis Bacon, William Hamond and John Mathewes. 2nd February, 1663-4, John Hitchins, William Sprigge and John Holt. 30th July, 1664, Robert Willimott, Edward Sleigh and John Garland. 14th February, 1664-5, Arthur Caley, Thomas Owen and Charles Reve. 3rd August, 1667, John Hanby, George Hutchins and Marmaduke Gwynne. 1st August, 1668, John Crisp, Richard Vaughan and Roderick Gwynne. 27th February, 1668-9, Tobias Cage, William Moses and Thomas Vincent.

ordered that hee bee put out of Comons and not to bee restored but according to ancient custome of ye house.

Clemt Spelman.	Eure Armyne.	Nich: Willimott.
Tho: Flynt.	Wm. Lehunt.	Edm: Jones."

Pension 23rd June, 1669. Present:—Spelman, Edgar, Hardres, Willimott, Flynt, Lehunt and Jones.

"Ordered that Mr. John Rumsey of Sudbrooke in co: Monmouth bee admitted of this Society paying half fine and his time since his entrie in the Inner Temple bee allowed him."

"Ordered that Sir William Scroggs bee called to the Bench and to read in his turne and to give his answere on Fryday night at ye Pencon."

All arrears or duties to the Preacher of this Society and to the Chapel to be forthwith paid to Mr. Baron Spelman.

Pension 29th June, 1669.[1] Present:—Spelman, Ellis, Hardres, Willimott, Flynt, Raworth, Luttrell, Vincent, Jones and Skipwith.

"Ordered that Mr. Molloy bee admitted of this Society paying halfe fees and bee allowed his time shewing his admittance in Lincolnes Inne."

Sir William Scroggs, after taking time for consideration, declined at this Pension to read.[2]

Pension 29th October, 1669. Present:—Spelman, Ellis, Hardres, Willimott, Flynt, Luttrell, Lehunt and Skipwith.

Divers members of the Society having neglected to pay their duties to the Preacher, "whereby the Society is in arreare to the

[1] According to Segar (Harl. MS., 1912) the summer Reader (E. Jones) called to the Bar on 31st July, Games Jones, Charles Molloy and John Rumsey.

[2] Sir William Scroggs, therefore, is not to be reckoned among the Benchers of Gray's Inn. By a writ dated June 25th he was made a Serjeant, and, of course, left the Inn. In 1676 he was made a Justice of the Common Pleas, and in 1678, Chief Justice of the King's Bench. His son became a Bencher in 1681.

said Preacher above one hundred pounds," the said duties are to be forthwith demanded by Stephen Cassingall, one of the butlers, and if any still neglect or refuse payment their chambers are to be seized.

"It is farther ordered that such officer as shall collect the tearmely dutyes due to Doct^r Cradocke Preacher to this Society shall pay the same over to the Deane of the Chappell for the time beinge and the Deane to pay the said Preacher his sallary and accompt for the same."

"It is ordered that the present Readers Chambers of Mr. Sarjeant Ellis and Mr. Sarjeant Willimott doe continue to theire disposall untill the first day of November one thousand six hundred and seaventy."

"It is ordered that Mr. Serjeant Willimott bee discharged of ye office of Treasurer of this Society haveing received his Maties writt for a Sarjeant at Law."[1]

"It is ordered that Doct^r Cradocke have liberty to goe where hee pleaseth for his convenience this winter hee finding one to serve the cure at Grayes Inne in his absence."[2]

PENSION 10th November, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, AMHURST and SKIPWITH.

Mr. William Gregory to be discharged of being Reader of Staple Inn. "It is ordered that Mr. William Beversham, Mr. Geo: Gifford and Mr. Thomas Corbett bee sent forthwith to Staple Inne for their election of a Reader for that house for the yeare followinge."

Mr. William Lehunt elected Treasurer of this Society for one year.

PENSION 12th November, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, AMHURST and SKIPWITH.

"It is ordered that Mr. William Beversham doe stand Reader of Staple Inne for this next yeare ensueinge, and that Mr. George

[1] In the same call of Serjeants, four other Benchers of Gray's Inn were included—Timothy Turner, William Ellis, Thomas Hardres and Thomas Flynt.

[2] Cradocke went to Lisbon and served for a time as chaplain to the British residents there.

Gifford, Mr. Thomas Corbett and Mr. Richard Weston bee sent to Barnards Inne for theire election of a Reader for that house."

"It is ordered at this Penc̃on that whereas Allen Lockhart Esq one of the prothonotaries of the Co^rt^ of Com̃on Pleas was formerly called to the Bench, but at his calling had noe certaine place assigned him that the said Allen Lockhart take his place after all the present Readers and Benchers that were called to the Bench before him and before all such that were or shall bee hereafter called to the Bench since his admission to ye same accordinge to the priviledges wch Mr. Gulston and Mr. Waller Benchers of this house and former prothonotaries of ye said Co^rt^ had."

Pension 19th November, 1669. Present:—Spelman, Edgar, Lehunt, Luttrell, Raworth, Jones, Amhurst and Skipwith.

Mr. Thomas Corbett to stand Reader of Barnard's Inn.

Mr. William Lane called to the Bench, "hee haveing accepted to read in his turne."

Mr. John Amhurst to be Reader for Lent next.

"Mr. Lovell appearing at this Penc̃on did submitt and promise to pay his dutyes arreare and oweing to the Preacher of this Society and did acknowledge his error in his behaviour and carriage and for words spoken at a former Penc̃on."

"Upon considerac̃on had of the petic̃on of John Spratt Steward of this Society setting forth that by former orders the chiefe Butler was allowed out of every gentleman's com̃ons two shillings fowre pence per weeke in Terme and two shillings six pence in Vacac̃on after wch it was raised to two shillings tenn pence per weeke (wch in respect of charge paine and hazard of the Steward farr exceeds the p̄fitt of the Stewards allowance) and therefore prayed that six pence in Terme and fower per weeke in Vacac̃on might be taken out of the Butlers allowance and added to the Stewards for enableinge him to keepe Com̃ons in Vacac̃ons at seaven shillings per weeke (to the end there may then be mooteing and other exercises as formerly) And we haveing heard what Nicholas Parry (the now chiefe Butler) could alledge against the same, it appeareing to us that shortly after ye Butlers allowance was raised as aforesaid, the said Parry petic̃oned

to bee removed from his then place of Steward to the place of Chiefe Butler wch was graunted him, and hee hath enjoyed the same for about thirty-one yeares wth the aforesaid increase of allowance and dureing wch time Girlinge, Cotle and Segar (the successive Stewards) and the present Steward likewise have made greate complaints at sevall Penc̃ons of greate losses by non-payment of coñions and duties to them belonginge of wch losses the Butler [has] noe parte in regarde he receives his whole allowance of the Steward at the end of every Terme whether the Steward bee paid the same or not And wee haveing also considered the increase of the prices of Biefe and Mutton and other p̃visions wch have of late about London been sold at greatter rates than in former times It is therefore ordered" that the chief butler's allowance be lessened sixpence a week and the Steward's increased by the same amount. No gentleman is to pay more than seven shillings a week for Commons in vacation time except "the Petty Grand weekes vizt Easter weeke Whitson weeke Midsumer weeke Shrove weeke and the Readinge weekes wch shall henceforth bee accompted as Terme weekes and the Steward and Butler paid and allowed for the same as for Terme weekes."

PENSION 22nd November, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, AMHURST and SKIPWITH.

Mr. John Otway [1] and Mr. Pickering called to the Bench, having undertaken to read in their turn.

Two Benchers to wait upon Mr. Serjeant Hardres and Mr. Serjeant Willimott, former Treasurers, "to desire them to hasten giveing in theire accounts."

Nicholas Harding, eldest son of Mr. Robert Harding, to be admitted a member of this Society without further fine.

PENSION 29th November, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES and SKIPWITH.

"It is ordered that Mr. Lane, Mr. Ottway and Mr. Pickring who are called to the Bench have voyce in Penc̃on."

[1] John Otway was knighted in 1673, and in the following year was made a King's Counsel ("a consil. d̃ni Regis ad legem"). He was elected Treasurer in November, 1675. He died in 1693. His son, Brathwaite Otway, was afterwards a Bencher of the Inn.

Mr. Heilin having refused to read and to pay his fine, his chamber is to be seized.

Mr. Thomas Bacon is to pay ten pounds, as his fine for not reading, before he go out of town; otherwise his chamber to be seized.

Mr. Watts' chamber to be seized in that he has not paid his fine for not reading.

Mr. Southby to pay his fine of £20 before he go out of town, or his chamber to be seized.

Mr. Haworth's chamber to be seized for non-payment of the fine set upon him for not reading. The like orders in reference to Mr. Mason and Mr. Lany.

PENSION 27th January, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, AMHURST and SKIPWITH.

"It is ordered that the severall peticons presented by the gent: for a call to the Barr be referred to Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Jones and Mr. Skipwith or any two of them to consider of theire peticons and qualificacons."

Mr. Lehunt and Mr. Jones are assigned Readers' Chambers "saveing the claime of such of the Readers as are auncienter Readers" than they to choose these particular chambers.

PENSION 7th February, 1669. Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, OTTWAY and PICKERING.

"It is ordered that Mr. Heilin pay to Mr. Treasurer of Grayes Inne fourty pounds in ready money tomorrow and that hee pay five pounds more in satisfacon of his fine imposed upon him for not Reading and that hee pay the five upon notice of a further order herein for that purpose by the Pencon."

"It is ordered that the Treasurer of this Society pay Do^tr^ Cradocke fourty pounds and that Mr. Heylins money bee paide for that purpose."

A suit in the late Treasurer's name against Mr. Thomas Raymond to be no further prosecuted.

Pension 9th February, 1669. Present:—Spelman, Edgar, Lutterell, Lehunt, Raworth, Amhurst, Ottway and Pickering.

"Upon reading a peticon from about eighty of the members of the Society of Staple Inne touching a difference arriseing in the same society about the ellecon of a Principall, It is ordered that the ellecon of a Principall of Staple Inne bee forborne and that all persons concerned in the same ellecon attend the next Pencon tomorrow at wch time all pties concerned shall bee heard. In the meane time the Auncient Books and Orders of the Society of Staple Inne are to bee pused by Mr. Bishopp Mr. Marsh Mr. Levitt and Mr. Walpole or any of them."

Pension 11th Feb: 1669. Present:—Spelman, Edgar, Lutterell, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Amhurst, Skipwith, Ottway and Pickering.

"Upon the reading of the peticon of severall of the Society of Staple Inne pferred to this Pencon touching a difference happned in the same Society concerning the ellecon of a Principall this Pencon haveing heard both pties doth declare theire judgment that ye Principall and two more of the Auncients are to bee nominated by the Sage Company according to auncient usage and that the ellecon of a Principall shalbe made by the whole Society accordingly."

"Ordered that Mr. Serjeant Willimott late Treasurer of this Society bee desired to pay to Doctr Cradocke the sume of eight pounds being due to him for his sallary and that hee bee paid nine pounds for the utensells and furniture in his chamber named in his peticon and that the same goods and utensells shall bee left in ye Dotrs Chamber and to bee accompted as the goods of this Society and that the bill of the goods and furniture bee entered into the Pencon Booke.

"An Inventory of the goodes in the Minist^rs Chamber.

	li	s	d
Imp^is mending a chimney in the Preachers studdy and making an arch in it		11	0
Item 4 Leather Chaires		19	0
Item one greate leather chaire and cushion		14	0
Item one ꝑ of andirons fire shovell tongs and bellowes		10	6
Item 1 locke for ye doore goeing downe to ye pulpit wth 2 Keyes		6	6
Item 1 bedsted curtaine rods, cords, matt, bedstaves	1	17	6
Item 1 longe travers curtaine rod		7	0
Item 2 leather carpetts	1	0	0
Item a gowne	2	19	10
	9	5	4

"It was paid before for three locks sett upon severall doores and for setting up severall shelves in the inner chamber and for two chests in the outer chamber made of wainscott and one little cupboard and for a firegrate and one Spanish table and 2 other tables wth drawers."

Called to the Bar:—Attkinson Robt., Markham Robt., Swinfin John, Caley Cornel., Mansell Arth., Mauliverer Nich., Allibond Rich., Marriott Robt., Halford Hen., Bonest Tho., Boyse Jeff., Ent Geo., Rowney Wm., Hardres Thursby, Dalston Tho., Pickeringe John, Porter John, Fowlkes Martin.[1]

"It is ordered upon consideracon had of former orders of this Society touching allowance had for board wages wch were sometimes formerly made in time of visitacon of the plague and other emergent occasions that hereafter noe allowance bee of board wages to any officer or servant of this Society unlesse the Pencon shall see cause hereafter to make any such order."

Pension 27th April, 1670. Present:—Spelman, Armyne, Luttrell, Lehunt, Rawortii, Jones, Skipwith and Lane.

Stephen Cassingale appointed second butler and chapel clerk.

[1] According to Segar, the following were called to the Bar by the Reader (John Amherst) on 19th February:—Thomas Oliver, John Amhurst and Edward Burdet.

Simon Segar appointed third butler. He is to "collect the Chappell Readers Roll for this terme."

Thomas Skipwith[1] elected Reader for the long vacation.

Pension 6th May, 1670. Present:—Spelman, Armyne, Edgar, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Amhurst, Skipwith, Lane and Pickeringe.

"It is ordered that Lionell Gatford clerke bee chosen and elected as a Reader in the Chappell to read prayers accordinge as hath been accustomed and that hee have the benefitts and p̃fitts formerly belonging to Mr. Reynolds and as formerly hath benn used and that hee preach in the afternoone according to the tenor of his peticon."

"Ordered that the ground lying without the Walks betweene the wall and the way leading from Grayes Inne Lane towards Kings Gate in Holbourne bee secured and fenced by inclosures and the cattle and horses turned out at present and that gravell bee digged there for the use of this Society."

Phillip Moore appointed gardener.

Pension 13th May, 1670. Present:—Spelman, Edgar, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Amhurst, Skipwith and Pickringe.

Mr. Gatford having been elected Reader of the Chapel and having accepted that service "shall have the chamber over the Chappell wch Mr. Reynolds late Reader had."

The butlers are to certify Pension "in what p̃sons the legale title of the respective chambers of this Society are and who doth actually reside and lodge therein and what rents are reserved and what rents and dutyes are in arreare and unpaid."[2]

"Ordered that all p̃sons admitted of this Society upon theire admission give his bond wth surtyes accordinge to ancient custome and y^t^ all p̃sons called to the Barr give new bonds before they bee sworne or published and that every Barrester upon theire calls take ye oath of Allegeance and Supremacy according to Law."

[1] Thomas Skipwith was knighted in 1673 and made a Serjeant in 1675.

[2] It was, no doubt, from the return made under this order that Segar's list of the chambers and their tenants was compiled.

"Ordered that the roll signed by the Benchers that sitt to take ye accompts on Satturdayes bee weekley delivered to the Treasurer and by him kept and laid upp in a chest under lock and key to bee kept in ye Library that soe it may appeare who are in cõmons that the Society may not be injured by calleing p̃sons to the Barr who have not been in cõmons actually according to the orders of this Society."

"For as much as greate delay is used by the gentlemen of this Society under the Barr in payment of theire dutyes to the Preacher and Reader and other dutyes due upon rolls It is ordered that such as doe not pay when they are in cõmons every terme that terme shall not be accompted for theire benefitt upon theire callinge to the Barr."

"Ordered that the butlers seize the chambers of Mr. Southby and Mr. Kelsey forthwith for non payment of theire fines for not Reading."

Pension 13th June, 1670. Present:—Spelman, Armyne, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Skipwith, Otway and Pickering.

"It is ordered that all that have vote in Penc̃on or any three of them be desired to consider of the charge and revenue of this Society and to call the officers to attend them, that they may [see] what meanes may be best to be taken to retrench the charge that so a report may be made to this Penc̃on how they find the charge increased that soe this Penc̃on may further consider of it."

"It is ordered that Mr. Haworth pay 40^li as a fyne for his not Reading and tenn pound as a composic̃on for all dutyes due to this Society and that he pay the same before Sunday next or els the whole fyne of 100^li and dutyes to be paid."

Pension 15th June, 1670. Present:—Spelman, Armyne, Edgar, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Skipwith, Otway and Pickering.

"It is ordered that Sir Cyrill Wich[1] one of the six Clarkes be called to the Barr paying the duties of this Society."

[1] Sir Cyril Wych, who married a niece of Evelyn, the diarist, was elected President of the Royal Society in 1683. In 1693 he was made a Lord Justice of Ireland.

"It is ordered that Sir Samuell Starling now Lord Major of London being an auncient member of this Society and admitted many yeares since haveing bin in commons many yeares together be called to the Barr *ex gratia*."

PENSION 20th June, 1670.[1] Present:—ARMYNE, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, LANE and PICKERING.

A building in Coney Court, erected without order of Pension, to be demolished.

Mr. Colborne to be paid twelve pounds for reading service in the Chapel.

"For as much as greate inconveniencie hath happened by granting chambers for yeares upon serious consideracon and debate had thereof and of the prejudice the members of the house suffer in regard many chambers are disposed of by Executors and Admistra: Its therefore ordered that hereafter chambers be only graunted for one life and no more and that leases of chambers only be made to members of this Society."

PENSION 4th November, 1670. Present:—SPELMAN, ARMYNE, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, SKIPWITH and LANE.

William Beversham discharged of his Readership at Staple Inn. Sir Thomas Stringer, Mr. John Rant and Mr. Henry Layton to be sent to Staple Inn "for them to choose a Reader for the yeare next insueing."

Owners or occupiers of chambers who have not paid their duties of Chimney money for the years 1665, 1666, 1667 and 1668 are to pay their arrears forthwith to the Collector appointed by the Society.

PENSION 11th November, 1670. Present:—SPELMAN, ARMYNE, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE and OTWAY.

"It is ordered that the passage to the Hall gallery be layd open

[1] According to Segar, the Reader (Thomas Skipwith) called to the Bar on 30th July, German Ireton, William Player and John Fisher.

as formerly before it was enclosed into the gallery and that the partic̃on be removed and placed beyond the Hall gallery doore where it aunciently was at the charges of the owners of the said chambers or gallery."

Pension 14th November, 1670. Present:—The above.

"It is ordered that William Player Esq a member of this Society be put out of the com̃ons of the house for his greate misdemeanor comitted in the Hall to the disturbance of the said Society on Sunday last at supper time."

Pension 16th November, 1670. Present:—Spelman, Armyne, Edgar, Luttrell, Lehunt, Jones, Skipwith, Otway and Pickering.

Mr. John Rant being elected Reader by the Society of Staple Inn, his election is confirmed.

Mr. William Lane chosen Reader of this Society for next Lent.

"Whereas William Player a Barrister of this Society was put out of com̃ons at the last Penc̃on," "and being soe put out of com̃ons yesterday at Dinner time came into the Hall in contempt of the said order together with one Samuell Starkey another member of this Society and both in a very factious riotous and seditious mannor came up to the Bench and with force attempted to take the officer attending the Bench at dinner and in the presents of the Bench did assault the officer and forced the Bench to rise to rescue theire officer for which offences the saide William Player and Samuell Starkey are by the order of this Penc̃on expelled this Society."

Mr. John Winchcomb chosen Master of the Revels.

Pension 18th November, 1670. Present:—The above.

Mr. John Winchcomb, Master of the Revels, to be called to the Bar *ex gratiâ.*

"It is ordered that Mr. John Hart, Mr. John Sandford, Mr. William Thomas be sent to Barnards Inn that a Reader may be chosen out of them as formerly hath bin accustomed."

PENSION 23rd November, 1670. Present:—SPELMAN, ARMYNE, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY, and PICKERING.

Mr. John Harte confirmed Reader of Barnard's Inn.

Mr. William Player and Mr. Samuell Starkey "upon theire humble suites and submission to the Bench" are re-admitted to the Society at the fine of twenty shillings each.

PENSION 7th January, 1670. Present:—SPELMAN, LEHUNT, LUTTRELL, JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, LANE and OTWAY.

"It is ordered that Mr. Nathan Danbarvin als Danbavand (having been admitted of this Society about sixteen yeares since and by reason of his continuance for some yeares past in the service of the Duke of Yorke in Ireland hath not bin resident in the Society and theireby debared of the opportunity of p̃forming his moots) is called to the Barr *ex gratia* paying his duties and Preachers wages."

Mr. John Rant, Mr. Wm. Jones, Mr. Charles Clare and Mr. Richard Spour are according to their petition permitted to pull down and rebuild certain chambers "neare the Hall in Holborne Court[1]" and are granted chambers in the building now to be erected for the term of fifty-one years, Mr. Clare, Mr. Jones and Mr. Rant paying for the ground floor chambers, the first floor chambers and "the chambers two paire and three paire of staires one the west end of the said intended building" respectively ten shillings a year, and Mr. Spour, for "the chambers two paire of staires and three paire of staires on the east side," three shillings and fourpence.

PENSION 3rd February, 1670. Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY and PICKERING.

"It is ordered y^t all strangers noe members of this Society be not allowed to lodge in any chamber in this Society eyther in terme or in vacac̃on time upon penalty of seizing theire chambers and its ordered that noe gent. of this Society lend theire chambers to any

[1] These were Finch's Buildings.

strangers not members of this Society without lycence of this Penc̃on or of some member of this Penc̃on."

"It is ordered that Sir Andrew Haskett and Mr. Beversham being members of this Society and lately preferred to be Masters of Chancery be called to the Bench as Assistants paying theire duties to this Society which they are in arreare."

"It is ordered that Mr. Baron Spelman be desired to continue Deane of the Chappell for the yeare insueing and that wine and bread for the Comunion be discharged by the Treasurer of this Society from time to time. And its likewise ordered that Mr. Lehunt be desired to continue his office of Treasurer for this year untill Mich̃as terme next."

PENSION 6th February, 1670.[1] Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY and PICKERING.

"Mr. Holt agrees to reade in his course and to take his place when his auncients have answered which is to be the next terme."

"It is ordered that the Treasurer of this Society pay or allow for the musick at the late Extraordinary Revells[2] but this order not to bee brought into p̃sident for hereafter."

PENSION 26th May, 1671. Present:—ARMYNE, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, SKIPWITH and LANE.

"Forasmuch as Mr. Francis Kirkham Mr. Edward Man Mr. Robert Hardy Mr. Cornelius Burton Mr. Anthony Knightsbridge Mr. Thomas Turnour Mr. Edmund Tooke Mr. Cornelius Hooker and Mr. Robert Butler were all of them called to the Bench to reade in theire course and have every of them refused; therefore it is ordered that every of them is severally fyned fifty pounds."

[1] According to Segar, the Reader (William Lane) called to the Bar (11th March) Edward Winn, Stephen Primate and William Lane, Jun.

[2] A news-letter of February 3rd ("Calendar of State Papers, Domestic") says: "Yesterday evening was great revelling at Gray's Inn where His Majesty was present, accompanied by most of the Court in masquerade."

Mr. Edward Rigby and Mr. Thomas Holt[2] having agreed to read in their course are admitted to the Bench.

Mr. Otway chosen Reader for next summer Reading.

PENSION 26th June, 1671. Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, SKIPWITH, AMHURST, OTWAY and PICKERING.

"Ordered that Sir Robert Shaftoe[3] be called to the Bench in order to his reading in his turne whereof he accepteth and that he have a vote in Penc̃on."

"It is ordered that a ground chamber neare the Library formerly Mr. Barrowes which is in lease for about foure yeares be reserved for a Penc̃on chamber and for the publick use of this Society and that the same chamber be not leased to any private person."[4]

PENSION 30th June, 1671. Present:—LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY and PICKERING.

"It is ordered that noe new grant or assignement be made of any the chambers in Gerrards buildings but that the same chambers be reserved to be disposed of as Readers Chambers and for the benefitt of the house."

PENSION 5th July, 1671. Present:—SPELMAN, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTOE, RIGBY and HOLT.

"It is ordered that Mr. William Jones[5] being made one of his Majesties Counsell be called to the Bench."

[1] Edward Rigby was made Serjeant in 1675.

[2] This was the father of Sir John Holt. He was afterwards Recorder of Reading and Abingdon.

[3] Shaftoe had been knighted in 1669. In 1675 he was made a Serjeant.

[4] Probably this was the chamber occupied in 1668 by Edward Dobson. See order of 6th June, 1673. If so, the idea of making it a Pension Chamber was abandoned. See order of 7th July, 1674.

[5] He would seem to have been knighted the following day. In 1673 he was appointed Solicitor-General, and in 1675 Attorney-General. In this capacity he prosecuted Green and others for the murder of another member of Gray's Inn—Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey. In 1679, however, he resigned office, and took a prominent part in the opposition to the royal policy. He died in 1682 at his house in Southampton Square.

Called to the Bar:—Gwilliams Lucius, Cotchitt Thomas, Lambton Henry, Clarke Samuell, Willsby William, Powell Charles, Wharton Andrew, Bragg John, Manestey Samuell, Scrimshire William, Starkey Samuell, Basire Isaac, Charlton Stephen, Dyose Thomas, Lyng Thomas.[1]

PENSION 7th July, 1671. Present:—The above.

Sir William Jones is to have a voice in Pension.

Harry Taylor to have five pounds for his relief.

The persons admitted by Mr. Lehunt in his Reading are to stand good "notwithstanding any former raisure."

PENSION 10th July, 1671. Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, AMHURST, LANE, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTOE and HOLT.

"Ordered that severall p̃sons now peticoning for the Barr be dispenced with in respect of theire performing theire exercises at the Inns of Chauncery in respect of the impossibility at present to p̃form the same but in regard Readings doe not now continue soe long as formerly it is ordered that from henceforth noe p̃son be called to the Barr unlesse they shall doe three exercises in the Inns of Chauncery and have full time of standing in the house and exercises according to the ancient orders of the house and that noe moote be allowed to be exercise in the library but such as are done on mootable dayes as hath been anciently used in this house."

Called to the Bar:—Drayner Edmund, Ledger John, Beale Robert, Tennant James, Bodingham Phillip, Gifford Thomas, Trotter George, Bard Nathaniell, Dade Thomas, Hutton Richard, Sanderson Phillipp and Hunt John.

PENSION 11th July, 1671.[2] Present:—The above.

William Townsend called to the Bar *ex gratiâ*.

[1] Segar gives the following additional name: Legard Robert.

[2] According to Segar, the Reader (John Otway) on 5th August called to the Bar:—Robert Fairbard, Alexander Johnson and John Otway, Jun.

"Ordered upon a message received from the Bench of the Inner Temple that Mr. Primate be suspended from coñons in this house untill further order of the Penc̃on."[1]

Pension 27th October, 1671. Present:—Spelman, W. Jones, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Otway and Holt.

"It is ordered that noe gentleman be hereafter called to the Barr under seaven yeares standing of the house saveing such as have bin of Staple Inn or Barnards Inn two yeares which hath bin allowed here and five yeares after of this Society.

"That noe gent: be called to the Barr that hath not bin in commons here five yeares in every terme two weekes and in every long vacac̃on foure weekes and hath p̃formed six grand mootes in the Library and three at the Inns of Chancery."

"That noe mootes be allowed in the Library but where two Barristers of three yeares standing at the least sit as Judges, nor any to stand for mootes but where there are pleadings and those together with the mootes repeated memoriter."

"That noe mootes be in the Library but on the Munday, Tuesday and Thursdays in mooteable weekes and not on any Holly dayes or Festival dayes."

"That noe private coñons be hereafter allowed in the Hall."

Pension 3rd November, 1671. Present:—Spelman, W. Jones, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Skipwith, Lane and Holt.

"It is ordered that the suspension of Mr. Stephen Primate from coñons be discharged."

"It is ordered that if any p̃son shall not pay for their coñons and repastes according to a former order of the [twenty-] sixth of November 1667 that the Steward shall not give them any coñons."

[1] On 9th of July Primate had been expelled from the Inner Temple. See *Inner Temple Records* under that date.

Pension 10th November, 1671. Present:—Spelman, W. Jones, Luttrell, Lehunt, E. Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Otway and Holt.

Mr. Winchcomb is discharged from being Master of the Revels.

"It is ordered that the house doe pay unto Doct^r Cradock Preacher to this Society the sum of one hundred pounds for his interest in the chambers over the Chappell which he lately purchased of Mr. Chomley and for the goods which the D^r hath agreed to leave behind him being at present in the said chambers and the chambers which he holdeth as Preacher the same goods being of the vallue of fivetenn pounds and that this house will allow the s̃d D^r interest at the rate of six pounds per anñ untill the said hundred pounds be payd. And it is likewise ordered by the consent of the said D^r that the Reader of the Chapple shall have the benefitt as well of the said chambers soe to be purchased from the said D^r as of the chambers formerly belonging to the Preacher [Reader?] of the said Society as an increase of maintainence of the said Reader dureing the pleasure of the Bench and no longer." [1]

Pension 16th November, 1671. Present:—Spelman, W. Jones, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Pickering, Rigby and Holt.

Robert Pickering elected Reader for next Lent.

Called to be Ancients:—Crump Thomas, Darley Richard, Vaughan William, Keble Joseph, Smith Tho. (mil:), Robins John, Bindlowes Thomas, Gooch Robert, Rotherham John, Oatley Adam, Burton Thomas, Bigland Edward, Hodges John, Wingfeild Fr:, Lancaster Peter, Eure Thomas, Hasell Thomas, Masters James, Denn Vincent, Kemish Nicholas, Cage Tobias, Butler Humphry, Lovell Salathiell, Richardson William, Barnard Edward (mil:), Burleigh William, Crispe John, Steward John, Herbert William, Row Samuell, Pargiter William, Barthrope Jonathan, Mittford Humphrey.

Mr. Edmund Jones elected Treasurer in succession to Mr. Lehunt. All revenues of the Society are to be paid to the Treasurer

[1] See Pensions of 12th June and 22nd November, 1672.

for the time being and he is to give an account of the same from time to time.

All gentlemen called to the Bar in this Society during the last two years are to attend the next Pension and take the oath of supremacy.

PENSION 22nd November, 1671. Present:—SPELMAN, LEHUNT, E. JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY, PICKERING, RIGBY and HOLT.

The names of Henry Snape, Joseph Ayloft and John Page to be sent to Staple Inn for the election of a Reader.

Mr. John Hart, the chosen Reader of Barnard's Inn, is fined thirty pounds for not reading.

Charles Ingleby called to the Bar.

PENSION 24th November, 1671. Present:—SPELMAN, W. JONES, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, E. JONES, LANE, OTWAY, PICKERING, RIGBY and HOLT.

Mr. Charles Clare, a member of the Society, is permitted to build a shop at the corner of Sir W. Jones' new building in Holborn Court and to have the same for 21 years at a rent of ten shillings per annum. The shop is not to be "set or let" without consent of Pension, nor to be employed by any person but a stationer or scrivener.

Mr. Joseph Ayloft, elected Reader of Staple Inn, is approved.

The names of John Page, Robt. Marshall and Henry Bigland sent to Barnard's Inn for the election of a Reader.[1]

PENSION 26th January, 1671.[2] Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY and HOLT.

The following gentlemen's chambers are to be seized if they do not pay upon demand the fines severally imposed on them for not

[1] Robert Marshall was elected.

[2] Segar says that on 24th February, the Reader (Robert Pickering) called to the Bar:—George Mason, George Twisleton and Stephen Beckingham.

reading:—Mr. John Naylor, Sir Solomon Swayle and Mr. Hoe Steward £100 each; Mr. Hamond Claxton £20, Mr. George Starkey £40, Mr. Robt. Maltyward £30, Mr. Tho. Bacon £20, Mr. Stephen Mason £20, Mr. John Lany £40, Mr. Henry Kelsey £20; Mr. Francis Kirkham, Mr. Edward Mann and Mr. Robert Hardy £50 each; Mr. Edward Mosley and Mr. Wm. Watts £30 each; Sir John Burroughs and Messrs. Edward King, Ralph Darnell, Cornelious Burton, Anthony Knightsbridge, Thomas Turnour, Edmund Tooke, Cornelious Hooker and Robt. Butler £50 each.[1]

Simon Fuller "the Barber neere the gate goeing into Fullers Rents" and "the seller of spectacles" are to pay their arrears of rent, or their shops to be seized.

Pension 3rd May, 1672. Present:—Spelman, Edgar, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Amhurst, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Shaftoe, Rigby and Holt.

"Ordered that Sir Wm. Beversham and Mr. Luttrell have liberty to assigne theire interest in the chambers in Purifoyes Buildings late in the possession of his Grace the Duke of Somersett unto Thomas Yate a member of this Society."

"Ordered that if any member of this Society shall sett or lett his chamber to any p̃son who is not of this Society his chamber shall be seized to the use of the House."

"It is ordered that noe gentleman hereafter be called to the Barr before he hath taken the oaths of supremacie and obedience and payed his caution money and given new bond to performe after duties."

Mr. Samuel Clyatt is called to the Bar.

The next summer Reading to be suspended.

Pension 13th May, 1672. Present:—Edgar, Luttrell, Lehunt, E. Jones, Amhurst, Otway, Pickering, Shaftoe and Rigby.

"It is ordered that the Hono^ble^ Sr Robert Carr Chancellor of the Dutchy of Lanc^r^ be called to the Barr *ex gratia unanimo consensu.*"

[1] In many cases the amounts were reduced on petition.

"Ordered that Mr. Edgar, Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Pickering or any two of them doe attend Mr. Serj^{t} Hardres and Mr. Serj^{t} Willimott late Treasurers of this Society to know of them how and by what orders they have disposed the monies which at the foote of theire respective accompts is acknowledged to be in theire respective hands to wit in the hands of Mr. Serj^{t} Hardres 95^{li} 13^{s} 3^{d} and in the hands of Mr. Serj^{t} Willimott 157^{li} 12^{s} 5^{d}."

Pension 15th May, 1672. Present:—Lehunt, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Otway, Pickering, Shaftoe and Rigby.

Called to the Bar:—William Dixon, Charles Kenwricke, William Worrall, John Cox, Edward Smith and Thomas How.

Pension 17th May, 1672. Present:—Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Pickering, Rigby and Holt.

"It is ordered that the hole made in Cunny Court where potts and other things are emptied be forthwith filled up and that Phillip see the same done and that the Porter and Buttlers of the respective courts doe give notice to all landresses to forbeare empting of chamber potts in the Courts upon paine of being expelled the house."

Pension 12th June, 1672. Present:—W. Jones, Luttrell, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Shaftoe, Rigby and Holt.

"It is ordered that all the Benchers pay theire penc̃ons before Satterday next and all Auncients and Barristers before Wednesday."

"Whereas Symon Segar hath bin allowed twenty pounds by the yeare for the collecting of the rents, penc̃ons and other duties of this house It is now thought fitt and soe ordered that the said twenty pounds by the yeare be from henceforth discharged and that in lieu thereof he have one shilling in the pound for every pound or twenty shillings he shall collect and pay to the Treasurer for rents penc̃ons or other duties and noe more."

"It is ordered and decleared that it is and was the intenc̃on of this Penc̃on that the chambers formerly granted to Mr. Gatford was and be in satisfac̃on of the twenty pound allowed him by Doct^{r} Cradocke for his preaching in the afternoones."

Pension 16th June, 1672. Present:—W. Jones, Luttrell, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Otway, Pickering, Shaftoe and Rigby.

Henry Bagshaw called to the Bar.

Mr. Serjeant Hardres has delivered the following account:

"Paied to

	li	s	d
Mr. Baron Spelman	28	0	0
Mr. Joyner p̃ wages	6	0	0
Mr. Cassingale p̃ wages	5	0	0
Mr. Jolly the pavior	19	8	0
Mr. Lehunt late Treasurer	32	0	0
For the Auditt dinner	2	8	0
Mr. Serjeant Hardres	2	17	4
	95	13	4"

Mr. Serjeant Willimott's account:

"Paied to

Wingham the carpenter	30	0	0
Hodges the bricklayer	30	0	0
Mr. Lanes fyne	40	0	0
Mr. Spratt steward	49	19	6
	149	19	6
Remains in Mr. Serjt Willimott's hands	7	0	0"

Pension 19th June, 1672. Present:—Luttrell, Raworth, E. Jones, Amhurst, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Pickering, Shaftoe and Rigby.

Sir John Burroughs, Mr. Hammond Claxton, Mr. Robert Hardy, Mr. William Watts, Mr. Cornelius Burton, and Mr. Robert Butler having shown no cause why they should not pay their fines for not reading, their respective chambers are to be seized.

Pension 21st June, 1672. Present:—W. Jones, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Pickering, Shaftoe, Rigby and Holt.

"It is ordered that Mr. Cocke a spectacle maker doe at or before Michaelmas next remove himselfe and familie out of Mr. Lucies Chamber."

Called to the Bar:—John Dover and Edward Atkinson.

PENSION 25th June. Present:—The above.

Peter Ellice is called to the Bar.

PENSION 8th November, 1672. Present:—W. JONES, LUTTRELL, RAWORTH, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, RIGBY and HOLT.

"Ordered that Mr. Beale and his tennants in Bentleys Rents injoy the passage out of Holborne Court paying his rent of five shillings p̃ Anñ dureing the pleasure of this Bench."

"Ordered that Mr. Spranger be and is hereby elected the Reader in the Chappell of this Society."

"Ordered that the money given by Mr. Plomers will for the buying of plate be laid out upon such a peice of plate as is suitable to the plate given to this Society by Mr. Pagitt."

PENSION 11th November, 1672. Present:—LUTTRELL, RAWORTH, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, RIGBY and HOLT.

Sir Robert Shaftoe elected Reader for next Lent.

"Ordered that the Right Hono^ble Sir Robt. Carr Knight and Barronet be called and is hereby admitted to the Bench of this Society."

PENSION 15th November, 1672. Present:—W. JONES, LUTTRELL, RAWORTH, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, RIGBY and HOLT.

"Ordered that Segar one of the Butlers of this Society doe by Monday next or before deliver all bookes anie waies concerning or relateing to this Society now in his custody unto Mr. Treasurer."

"Ordered that the Spectacle shopp at the field gate be reserved to the benefitt of this Society."

PENSION 22nd November, 1672. Present:—The above.

"It is ordered that all the chambers over the Chappell and Dutchy Office be converted to the use of the house and that the

Reader of the Chappell have in leiwe thereof twenty pounds by the yeare for preaching in the afternoones."

Richard Bayly is approved as Reader of Staple Inn.

William Cocke the spectacle maker to have his shop from year to year at the pleasure of the Bench, he doing repairs and paying an annual rent of fifty shillings.

Pension 25th November, 1672. Present:—Luttrell, Raworth, Jones, Skipwith, Lane, Pickering and Rigby.

"Ordered that Mr. Gattford have the Readers pencon untill Mich: last and that Mr. Spranger have the Readers roll for this terme and that Mr. Spranger be continued the Chappell Reader upon the auncient pention and roll he refuseing to preach in the afternoones for the Sallary of twenty pounds per ann:"

Pension, 27th November, 1672. Present:—The above.

Mr. Joseph Keeble approved as Reader of Barnard's Inn.

"Ordered that a peticon be preferred from this Society unto his Majestie and the Councill concerning the buildings erected neere the Walkes with the former order of the Councell thereunto annexed and that Sir Wm. Jones Mr. Luttrell Mr. Skipwith Mr. Treasurer and Mr. Holt or anie three or two of them attend about this peticon."

Pension 31st January, 1672. Present:—Spelman, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, E. Jones, Amhurst, Skipwith, Lane, Otway, Rigby and Holt.

"Memor: that at this Pencon Mr. Tho: Gerrard and Mr. Edward Gerrard two of the executors of John Plomer Esq late one of the members of this Society presented a peece of plate of twenty pounds vallue being a legacy given to this Society by the last will and testament of the said Mr. Plumer as alsoe the sum of five pounds to be distributed amongst the servants of the Society according to the said will."

PENSION 7th February, 1672. Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, JONES, SKIPWITH, OTWAY, PICKERING and RIGBY.

Called to the Bar:—William Rodes, John Hoskins, Charles Sheppard, Marmaduke Gibbs, Robert Casie, Geo: Warburton, Geo: Pigott, John Twisleton and William Ayscough.

PENSION 30th April, 1673. Present:—W. JONES, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, E. JONES, AMHURST, LANE, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTOE, RIGBY and HOLT.

Sir Robert Shaftoe elected Reader for next summer.

"Ordered that all allowances that have bin to the Preacher and Reader be continued as now they are and Doctor Cradocke the Preacher to provide a Reader who shall preach on Sundayes in the afternoones. Theire allowances to be the same both to Preacher and Reader as was in the time of Mr. Gatford the late Reader."

PENSION 2nd May, 1673. Present:—The above.

"Ordered that Sir Wm. Jones Mr. Edgar Mr. Luttrell Mr. Raworth Mr. Skipwith Mr. Amhurst Mr. Jones and Mr. Pickering or any foure of them doe attend the Lord Chancellor to give him satisfaction concerning the message which his Lordshipp sent to this house concerning the new erected houses in the feilds."

PENSION 7th May, 1673. Present:—LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, JONES, SKIPWITH, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTOE and RIGBY.

"It is ordered that the building in the Chappell Court be proceeded in according to the former orders and the articles and order for the building be referred to Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Skipwith, Mr. Otway, Mr. Pickering and Mr. Rigby, or any two of them to consider and conclude of."

PENSION 9th May, 1673. Present:—LUTTRELL, RAWORTH, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, LANE, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTOE and RIGBY.

"Whereas the severall chambers betwixt Conney Court and Chappell Court p̃te of Grayes Inn in the County of Middx are so very ruinous that they are scarce capable of being repaired and upon the view of able Surveyors and workemen are more fitt to be taken doune and rebuilt," we the undersigned "doe referr our present interest in our said respective chambers unto Mr. Hooke and Mr. Oliver surveyors of the Citty of London to be by them respectively vallued . . . and we do hereby promise to submitt unto such award as they shall make therein and pay downe in money soe much and in such mannor as shall be by them ordered p̃porc̃onably towards the rebuilding the same . . . and after the said Chambers are rebuilt the said surveyors shall apporc̃on the severall rents to be sett upon each Chamber dureing the continuance of each persons terme therein." An appeal from the surveyors' decision may be made to Thomas Raymond, Esq., a member of this Society.

Signed by

Salathiel Lovell	Rich. Allebond	Charles Cremer
John Thurburne	Franc. Wingfeild	Wm Willsby
Tho. Barnes	Wm Rawlinson	John Bright
Tho. Turnour	Roger Elletson	John Steward
George England	Games Jones	Adam Oatley
Jeffr. Boyse	Wm Richardson	John Matthewes

"Whereas the severall tennants and p̃prietors of the respective chambers in the gallery buildings betweene Chappell Court and Cunny Courte after serious advice with Surveyors have found it necessary to pull doune the said building and to rebuild the same and in order thereto have entred into articles by them subscribed and agreed upon and now p̃duced Now this Bench haveing taken the same into considerac̃on and finding the said building will not be onely a greate ornament to this house but also benificiall and a greate improvement of the revenues thereof Therefore it is ordered that the said building be pulled doune and rebuilt at the charges of the

respective owners and p̃prietors of the said chambers according to the said articles of agreement and that the said proprietors first paieing all theire respective duties have the terme of fifty yeares in theire respective chambers" at a yearly rent of thirty pounds for the whole number of chambers and "the said buildings are hereby granted unto Thomas Raymond and Charles Clare Esqrs two of the members of this Society for the said terme in Trust to make such leases thereof accordingly to the respective p̃prietors."[1]

PENSION 6th June, 1673. Present:—SPELMAN, LUTTRELL, E. JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, OTWAY, PICKERING, RIGBY and HOLT.

"It is ordered that Mr. John Low attend at the next Penc̃on to shew cause why he disturbes Mr. Baron Spillman in the injoyment of the chamber in his possession."

"It is ordered that a ground chamber under the Library in Bacon's buildings in Chappell Court in the occupac̃on of Mr. Dobson bee reserved for a Chamber of entertainement and for the publicke use of this Society."[2]

Called to the bar:—Phillip Nisbett and Thomas Harrison.

PENSION 9th June, 1673. Present:—SPILLMAN, W. JONES, ARMYNE, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, E. JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTO, RIGBY and HOLT.

"It is ordered that Mr. Robert Newdegate sonne of Serjeant Newdegate be called to the Barr and this *ex gratia*."

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer Mr. Luttrell Sir Thomas Skipwith and Mr. Pickering conferr with the Ancients and Barresters to consider the proposalls for the mainetaynence of the Docter and Chappell Reader."

[1] The row of buildings, which formerly divided what is now Gray's Inn Square into two courts, included the oldest chambers at this time (1673) existing in the Inn. Their erection was prior to the earliest records now in the possession of the Society, and Segar, who had before him the lost first volume of the Pension Book (1514-1569), was apparently unable to find their date. One guesses that they were older than the present "re-edified" Hall, the date of which Segar does give. Perhaps they were built before 1514.

[2] It was not permanently so reserved. See order of 7th July, 1674.

PENSION 13th June, 1673. Present:—The above.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer provide an afternoone Preacher till Michaelmas terme next and no longer and the matter is to be considered of and settled."

"Ordered that Mr. Baron Spillman shall hold and enjoy the Chamber up one paire of staires built by Mr. Francis Low and annexed to the chamber formerly Mr. Bradshaws to which Mr. John Low hath lately p̃tended some title for the same terme of yeares which Mr. Baron hath in the said chamber formerly Mr. Bradshaws in Stanhopes Buildings." Mr. John Low is not found to have any title thereto.

"Ordered that Sir Wm. Beversham be desired to desire the Master of the Rolls to have liberty to inroll the dead of feoffment of Grayes Inn in the Rolls *pro salva custodia*."

PENSION 17th June, 1673.[1] Present:—LUTTRELL, E. JONES, OTWAY, PICKERING, SHAFTOE and RIGBY.

"It is ordered that noe gentleman of this Society be p̃mitted to come into commons at any Reading who hath not bin in com̃ons one weeke at the least in one of the two termes before the Reading and that noe p̃son who is not of the Society be suffered to come into the Hall in a gowne, and if any one p̃sume soe to doe the officer knowing the same shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Reader."

Thomas Rymer called to the Bar.

"These are to certifie the Readers and Benchers of the Honble Society of Grayes Inn that I whose name is hereunto subscribed am willing and doe take Mr. John Spratt now Steward to the said Society for my paymaster for all such beere as have bin delivered into Grayes Inn aforesaid since he first became Steward of the said Society as also for all such beere as shall be delivered as above said dureing the time he shall continue Steward to the said Society And doe hereby acquitt and discharge the Readers and Benchers of the

[1] Segar says that the following were called to the Bar by the Reader (Sir Robert Shaftoe) on 2nd August:—Thomas Bendish, Richard Cox and Roger Elletson.

said Society of and from all mannor of debts now due or that hereafter may grow due by him the said John Spratt to me for beere delivered or to be delivered as aforesaid. Witness my hand this twentieth day of November Anno Dom. 1673.

"JN WALKER.

"Witness JN° JENNICOE,
SIMON SEGAR,
HEN. YEMES."

PENSION 7th Nov: 1673. Present:—OTWAY, LUTTRELL, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, AMHERST, RIGBY and HOLT.

"Ordered that noe person that serves as a clarke to any Reader or Bencher Ancient or Barrister of this Society be admitted to come into comons of this Society in the Hall dureing the time he shall continue soe."

Mr. Thomas Gerrard is permitted to assign his interest in the chamber (Gerrard's Buildings) occupied by Mr. Thomas Raymond to the latter, but at the end of the term it is to be delivered up to the Society.

PENSION 12th November, 1673. Present:—OTWAY, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, E. JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, RIGBY and HOLT.

Mr. Amhurst is elected Treasurer, but Mr. Jones is to continue to act until the end of the current term.

PENSION 14th November, 1673. Present:—The above.

Mr. William Gregory[1] and Mr. Thomas Brewer having agreed to read in their turn are called to the Bench.

[1] William Gregory was at this time Recorder of Gloucester. In 1677 he was made a Serjeant. In 1679 he was Speaker of the House of Commons, but a few months later was made a Baron of the Exchequer. He was about the same time knighted. He lost his post in the first year of James II, but in 1689 was appointed a Judge of the King's Bench. He died in 1696.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Hardres, James Hardres, William Howe and Robert Erle.

"Ordered that whilst Mr. Spratt doth continue both Steward and butler he doe find another waiter in the Hall at his owne charges."

PENSION 21st Nov., 1673. Present:—OTWAY, LUTTRELL, RAWORTH, JONES, SKIPWITH, AMHURST, PICKERING, RIGBY and HOLT.

"It is ordered that Mr. William Gregory and Mr. Thomas Brewer have voice in Penc̃on."

"Ordered that Mr. Rigby be and is hereby elected Reader for the next Lent Sr Wm Jones his Majesties Sollicitor Generall haveing excused his Reading at that time."

PENSION 24th Nov., 1673. Present:—OTWAY, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, E. JONES, AMHURST, SKIPWITH, PICKERING, RIGBY, GREGORY and BREWER.

Mr. George Gifford having agreed to read in his course is admitted to the Bench.

Mr. Adam Oatley is approved as Reader of Staple Inn and Mr. Thomas Eyre of Barnard's Inn.

"Ordered that the severall p̃sons in the buildings betweene Chappell Court and Coney Court doe pay in theire respective dutyes into the hands of the Treasurer within a fortnight next ensueing or otherwise theire p̃ceeding in theire buildings be suspended."

Mr. Richard Weston[1] having agreed to read in his course is admitted to the Bench.

PENSION 26th January, 1673. Present:—W. JONES, LUTTRELL, RAWORTH, E. JONES, SKIPWITH, AMHURST and HOLT.

Mr. Gifford and Mr. Weston to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that Mr. Rasbury receive from the Treasurer his allowance of tenn shillings a Sunday for preaching in the afternoones until the first day of Easter terme next."

[1] Richard Weston was made a Serjeant in 1677, and a Baron of the Exchequer in 1680.

Pension 9th Feb: 1673. Present:—W. Jones, Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, E. Jones, Amhurst, Pickering, Rigby and Gregory.

"Whereas this Penc̃on is informed that the severall p̃sons hereafter named vizt: Mr. Fleetwood, Mr. Carnaby, Mr. Richard Jones Mr. Fincham and Mr. Dixie doe keepe theire wives and famillies within theire severall Chambers in this house contrary to the auncient orders of this Society It is therefore ordered that the said severall p̃sons before menc̃oned doe remove theire said wives and famillies before the five and twentieth day of March next."

Pension 11th Feb., 1673.[1] Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Amhurst, Skipwith, Pickering, Rigby, Gregory and Weston.

"It is ordered that noe member of this Society not called to the Bench presume to sit in the seats allotted for the Benchers And that the foure upper pewes in the body of the Chappell be kept in terme time for the Ancients And that the other pewes be kept for the use of the Barristers and Students according to ancient orders and that all meane p̃sons and women be kept out from comeing into the body of the Chappell."

Pension 11th May, 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, Amhurst, Rigby, Holt, Brewer and Weston.

"It is ordered upon view of an order of Penc̃on made in the second of May in the yeare of our Lord 1631 whereby it is ordered that the Right Honourable the Earle of Warwick for himselfe and for such other noblemen and gentlemen of quality that he shall be pleased to bring with him shall have liberty to make such a convenient roome in the window at the East end of the Chappell in such mannor to be built as Mr. Wright and Mr. Pheasant should thinke fitt which liberty of useing the said roome was thereby ordered to continue only dureing the pleasure of the Bench That forasmuch

[1] Segar says the following were called to the Bar by the Reader (Edward Rigby) on 9th March:—Mark Mott, John Gell and John Turton.

as the use thereof is not imployed according to the intent of the said order It is thought fitt that the Steward of this Society doe demand of the keeper of the said gallery the key of the said roome and leave a coppy of this order with him and retourne his answer to the next Penc̃on."

"Ordered that the Steward leavy twelve pence upon every student who is in coñions for makeing a failer in accepting the Booke upon a case assigned this present eleaventh of May and it is hereby decleared that all fynes aunciently used to be imposed for failer of exercises shall be from hencefourth leavied."

"Ordered that all bonds upon Admittances or Calling to the Barr in any officer's hands and all other wrightings concerning the house be brought in and delivered to the Treasurer and that all future bonds be delivered in to the Treasurer to be preserved to the use of the house in a chest in the Lybrary."

Pension 22nd May, 1674. Present:—W. Jones, Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, E. Jones, Skipwith, Pickering, Shaftoe, Rigby, Holt, Gregory and Weston.

"At this Penc̃on Sr Wm. Jones Knt his Majesties Solliciter generall is elected Reader of this Society for the next Suñer Reading and Mr. Rigby and Mr. Holt to be his Assistants."

"It is ordered that such chambers as be hereafter lett by order of Penc̃on may be lett for yeares other than such chambers as shall be conferred upon Readers which shall be granted only dureing theire lives or till theire departure out of the Society And that noe lease exceed the number of one and twenty yeares p̃vided that all p̃sons whose tearme is within seaven yeares of expirac̃on renew theire leases and all of a lesser terme or whose terme is expired contract for new leases before the end of Trinity terme next And from thenceforth the former order of letting for lives be in force against all such as being under the said qualification yet come not in to renew theire said lease or take new leases within the said terme prefixed."

Pension 3rd July, 1674. Present:—W. Jones, Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, Amherst, Pickering, Shaftoe, Rigby and Brewer.

Called to the Bar:—John Try, Edward Farnham, Robert West, John Hindmarsh and John Glyd.

Pension 7th July, 1674.[1] Present:—W. Jones, Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Amherst, Skipwith, Pickering, Shaftoe, Rigby, Holt, Gregory and Brewer.

"Ordered that no chamber held for life shall be renewed for yeares."

"Ordered that Sir Ralfe Banks pay one hundred marke fine and twenty shillings per annum rent for his chamber in Bacons Buildings over the Liberary to begine Lady day last past and to be for twenty one years, paying first his duties to the House."

Mr. Edward Dobson to have his chamber "under the Library" for 21 years at £40 fine and 20*s*. rent.

Pension 30th Oct: 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, Skipwith, Brewer, Weston and Gifford.

Mr. Raymond granted a lease of his chamber one pair high in Gerrard's Buildings.

Pension 6th November, 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, Skipwith, Rigby, Holt, Gregory, Brewer, Gifford and Weston.

Mr. Thomas Holt elected Reader for next Lent.

Mr. Adam Oatly is discharged of his Readership at Staple Inn.

John Trowle appointed scavenger at eighteen pounds a year.

Symon Segar appointed second butler, Henry Taylor third butler and Henry Yemes puisne butler.

[1] Segar says that the Reader (Sir William Jones) called to the Bar on 1st August:—George Cremer, Samuel Griffith and John Niccolls.

Pension 20th [*sic*] November, 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Skipwith, Rigby, Holt and Brewer.

"It is ordered in pursuance of the ancient orders of the house that no gentleman of this Society be served with any comons in any place out of the Hall and in his gowne upon the paine of tenn shillings to be paid by the officer or servant who shall soe serve him."

Thomas Eyres fined £30 for not reading last year at Barnard's Inn.

Pension 13th November, 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Skipwith, Rigby, Gregory and Brewer.

"Ordered that no Irish gent: from henceforward be admitted into this Society before he give good English security for performance and payment of the duties of the house."

Charles Pigion appointed Master of the Revels.

Vincent Denn to be Reader at Staple Inn.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer pay unto Symon Segar tenn pounds forthwith in p̃t and for and towards his setting up the sheilds of the severall Readers armes of this Society in the Library at the rate of three shillings for every sheild and the said Symon is to finish the same before the next Reading."

Pension 18th Nov., 1674. Present:—The above and Gifford.

Nicholas Kemish to be Reader at Barnard's Inn.

William Crispe called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Charles Pigion haveing shewed good cause to the contrary be excused of the office of the Master of the Revells and discharged of his duty."

William Atwood, son of a former Bencher, is called to the Bar *ex gratia*.

Pension 20th Nov: 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Skipwith, Rigby, Holt, Gregory, Brewer and Gifford.

"Ordered that Mr. William Atwood a Benchers son of this Society be Master of the Revells for this Society to continue therein till another shall be elected in his roome."

"Forasmuch as it hath beene troublesome to finde out a fitting p̃son to be made Master of the Revells occasioned cheifely by the dischargeing of the former Master of the Revells before the election of a new one to succeed him It is therefore ordered that from henceforth noe Master of the Revells be discharged untill another p̃son being a Barrister of one yeares standing at the least and accepting the said imployment be chosen to succeed him in the said office."

Pension 25th Nov: 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Skipwith, Pickering, Rigby and Brewer.

Called to the Bar:—John Wright, Thomas Mort, Edward Aspinwall, Edward Morgan and Thomas Clayton.

Pension 27th Nov: 1674. Present:—The above.

"Ordered that it be referred to Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Rigby and Mr. Brewer or any two of them to take care for the regulateing the next Grand Day."

Pension 5th Feb: 1674. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Raworth, Amherst, Skipwith, Shaftoe and Rigby.

Mr. Thomas Raymond[1] and Sir Thomas Stringer[2] having accepted to read in their course are called to the Bench.

"Ordered that the fences of the two little gardens in the upper Walkes be taken away and the same made sutable to the rest of the Walkes."

[1] Thomas Raymond was made a Serjeant in 1677, Baron of the Exchequer with a knighthood in 1679, Justice of Common Pleas, 1680, and Justice of the King's Bench the same year. He died in 1683.

[2] Sir Thomas Stringer was made a Serjeant in 1677, and in 1688 a Justice of the King's Bench. He died in 1689.

Pension 8th Feb: 1674.[1] Present:—Otway, Skipwith, Shaftoe, Amherst, Luttrell, Raworth, Pickering and Rigby.

Sir Robert Baldocke,[2] having accepted to read, is called to the Bench.

Pension 28th April, 1675. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, E. Jones, Amhurst and Holt.

Mr. John Rant to be called to the Bench and to show cause at next Pension why he should not read.

"Ordered that Mr. Walter Carnaby attend at the next Pencon for that he presumes to practise as a Barristor being never called to the Barr."

Sir Robert Baldocke and Mr. Thomas Raymond to have voices in Pension.

Pension 30th April, 1675. Present:—Otway, Luttrell, Lehunt, Raworth, Amhurst, Holt, Weston and Raymond.

"Ordered that all women now residing within this Society be within the space of tenn dayes next removed from the same and if any women shall from thence forward be permitted to abide in any chamber the owner thereof shall for such permission or retaineing therein any women forfeit the chamber wherein such women shalbe permitted or retained."

Pension 5th May, 1675. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Raworth, Amhurst, Weston, Gregory, Baldock and Raymond.

"It is ordered that the order of Pencon of the fourteenth of June in the eleventh year of King James be revived concerning

[1] Segar says that the Reader (Thomas Holt) called to the Bar on 20th February:—Thomas Neale, Henry Currer and Thomas Collen.

[2] Sir Robert Baldocke was at this time Recorder of Yarmouth. He was made a Serjeant in 1677, and King's Serjeant in 1685. Having been counsel against the seven Bishops, he was made a Justice of the King's Bench, but ceased in 1689 to hold that position. He died in 1691.

banketts and suppers kept by students doeing their exercises" [the order quoted. See former vol., p. 206]. "And it is further ordered that if any student shall breake the saide order his exercise shall be taken for none."

PENSION 7th May, 1675. Present:—OTWAY, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, JONES, AMHURST, HOLT, WESTON, GREGORY and RAYMOND.

"It is ordered that Mr. Holt the last Reader be discharged."

"Ordered that Mr. John Rant be fined fifty pounds for refusing to accept of the Bench and to read in his course."

Sir Thomas Stringer to have a voice in Pension.

Whereas many gentlemen neglect, or refuse, to pay their commons beforehand, thus falling into arrears with the steward, it is ordered that students shall not be entitled to count their time until they have paid. "And that all gentlemen of this Society (whether at the Barr or under the Barr) who shall at any time hereafter neglect or refuse to pay their comons beforehand shall be put out of comons during the pleasure of the Bench." This order to be set up in the Hall.

PENSION 14th May, 1675. Present:—OTWAY, EDGAR, LUTTRELL, JONES, AMHURST, PICKERING, WESTON, BALDOCKE and RAYMOND.

William Gregory chosen Reader for the summer.

Called to the Bar:—George Vane and Nudigate Poyntz.

PENSION 16th June, 1675.[1] Present:—OTWAY, LUTTRELL, LEHUNT, RAWORTH, AMHERST, PICKERING, RAYMOND and STRINGER.

"It is ordered that whereas theire is a new building sett up in Grayes Inn Lane upon a new foundation whereby the Ancient Lights of divers gentlemen's chambers some are darkened and some quite stopped up notwithstanding severall admonitions given to the builders

[1] Segar says that on 31st July the Reader (William Gregory) called to the Bar:—Henry Ireton, James Gregory and Oliver Deane.

to the contrary It is ordered that if the builders and owners thereof shall not cause the said building to be taken downe before Fryday next Pencon that such further course shall be taken for doeing the same as shalbe just."

Called to the Bar:—Richard Witton, Edward Dyne and Godfrey Thacker.

Pension 12th Nov: 1675. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Raworth, Amherst, Holt, Gregory, Brewer, Weston, Raymond and Stringer.

Mr. Vincent Denn is discharged of his Reading at Staple Inn.

Mr. Gregory is discharged of his Reading. Mr. Brewer to be Reader for next Lent vacation.

"Ordered that Mr. Amherst be discharged from his Treasurership at the end of this terme and that Mr. Atturney Generall be desired to be Treasurer for the yeare ensuinge."

Mr. Baron Spelman is discharged from the office of Dean of the Chapel and Mr. Raworth desired to accept the same.

Pension 19th Nov: 1675. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Lehunt, Raworth, Jones, Amherst, Pickering, Gregory, Brewer, Weston, Baldocke and Raymond.

"It is ordered that the duties demanded at Staple Inn by the principle there for the *visi in villa* for any longer tyme than six yeres last past be remitted to all members of the said Society and all areares since that tyme be duely paid."

Mr. Humphrey Butler to be Reader at Staple Inn.

Pension 24th Nov: 1675. Present:—The above.

Sir Edward Barnard to be Reader at Barnard's Inn.

Sir John Otway appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Called to the Bar:—Charles Herbert, Thomas Edwards, Lewis Monoux, Rowland Norton, Henry Cheatham and Richard Entwisle.

Pension 28th Jan: 1675. Present:—Otway, Raworth, Amhurst, Holt, Weston and Raymond.

"It is ordered that noe gentleman of this Society be called to the Barr untill he be admitted by order of Penc̃on to some chamber within the house."

"Ordered that in case any gentleman of this Society shall come into the Hall to eat before he shall have paid his com̃ons contrary to the former orders of this house, the Steward doe the next Penc̃on after such comeing into the Hall for the purpose aforesaid and eating in the Hall theire parts not haveing first paid for his com̃ons certifie those p̃sons names to the Penc̃on to the intent proceeding may be made against them for the said offence upon penalty of the Steward forfeiting his office."

"Ordered that the severall gentlemen who keepe women in theire chambers shew cause next Penc̃on why those chambers be not seized to the use of the house upon notice given them by any of the butlers."

Pension 1st Feb: 1675. Present:—The above.

"It is ordered that whereas by the ancient orders of this Society all gentlemen that intend to be called to the Barr are to be in com̃ons a fortnight every terme It is ordered that in all such termes wherein there are any grand dayes that the gentlemen shall be in com̃ons the grand weeke for one of the weekes or else it is not to be allowed as a fortnight in com̃ons."

Mr. Farnham to show cause "why hee keepes his wife and family in the house."

"Forasmuch as Mr. Richard Chamberlayne hath been summoned to appeare at the next Penc̃on to shew cause why he keepes women in his chamber contrary to former orders and hath refused to appeare and hath returned opprobrious language against the members of Penc̃on It is ordered that his chamber be seized for the use of the house unless he shew cause next Penc̃on."

"It is ordered that noe gentleman on Grand dayes or in Reading weekes or at any other tyme shall carry or cause to be carryed

any dishes out of the Hall upon penalty of putting out of cõmons And that no porters or landresses doe come within the dores of the Hall at meale times and that the porter of the house doe take care to prevent the same."

Pension 4th Feb: 1675.[1] Present:—Otway, Raworth, Lehunt, Amhurst, Pickering, Holt, Gregory, Weston and Stringer.

"It is ordered that Mr. Chamberlayne having acknowledged his offence charged against him last Penc̃on, at his request the first day of next terme is given for him to remove his women out of his chamber and if he make default in so doeing his said chamber is to be seized to the use of the house."

Pension 17th April, 1676. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Luttrell, Amhurst, Raworth, Holt, Weston and Stringer.

"It is ordered that Mr. William Thomas be an Associate of the Bench and left at liberty to declare himselfe whether he will accept his Reading at sum̃e convenient tyme before it comes to his turne."

Called to be Ancients:

Exton Thomas	Nevell Edward	Burton Tho.
Dickins William	Lamplugh Richard	James Higgins
Blackston John	Cradock Thomas	Brandling Sam.
Constable Robert	Williams William	Chamberlaine Rich.
Rookby Thomas	Barrett Paul	Harris Tho.
Harford Bridstock	Hunt Thomas	Ouby John Knt.
Hawtree John	Swift Godwin	Leaver John
Nutt Edward	Powell John	Marshall Rich.
Pritchard Thomas	Prickett Allen	Moore Gabriell
Markes James	Rogers Charles	Thurbarne John
Stanhope John	Rumsey Henry	Knight Tho.
Wright John	Cremer Charles	Hewett George
Hutchins John	Millward Tho.	Barrett Edw.
Beddingfeild Chris.	Turner Tho:	Houlden Sam.
Lilburne Wm.	Cropley Robt.	Ayton John

[1] Segar says the following were called to the Bar on 12th February:—William Stow, Francis Hanson and John Gratwick.

Jefferson John	Wild Wicksteed	Woogan Wm.
Newton John	Hopton Ed.	Leek Wm.
Herle Ed.	Winn Morgan	Gunter Tho.
Nevill Jervas	Holt John	Hardres Charles
Barrington John	Carr Wm.	Pickering John
Jermy Wm.	Johnson Tho.	Lightfoot Rich.
Lamplugh Tho.	Fisher John	Collop Geo.
Buck Sam.	Kinaston John	Fish Robt.
Lutwich Edw.	Willoughby Rich.	Pickering Mich.
Strechey John	Cox Tho.	Hoblin Rich.
Gunn John	Spicer John	Wither Robt.
Smithson Anth.	Drifeild Chris.	Lawson Wilfred
Evelin Geo.	Gallop Robt. Knt.	Pelham Geo.

Pension 28th April, 1676. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Luttrell, Raworth, Amherst, Holt, Brewer, Weston, Baldocke, Raymond and Stringer.

Mr. Brewer is discharged from being Reader and Mr. Gifford elected Reader.

Pension 3rd May, 1676. Present:—Otway, Raworth, Amherst, Pickering, Holt, Gregory, Weston, Raymond and Stringer.

"It is ordered that Mr. Jacob be called to the Bench and to have his seniority and to Read in his turne"; also Mr. Henry Bigland, Mr. Humphrey Wharton, Mr. Richard Bayley and Mr. Warren.

Pension 5th May, 1676. Present:—The above.

Part of Stanhope's Buildings[1] and part of Christopher's Buildings being in great decay are to be pulled down.

Mr. Rant's fine for not reading is reduced to £20.

"Whereas fourscore pounds is in the hands of Mr. Treasurer

[1] Those in Coney Court are here meant. The whole portion to be pulled down (and rebuilt) was the north-west corner of what is now Gray's Inn Square.

for Mr. Hookers moyety of his chamber seised into the hands of the house for dutyes owing to the house It is ordered that sixty and five pounds thereof be paid into the hands of Mr. Raworth, Mr. Luttrell and Mr. Raymond or any two of them to be distributed to his two children as they shall think fitt this being given to the children as the free gift of the house the house taking into consideracon the necessityes of the condicon that their father left them in."

John Warner called to the Bar.

PENSION 8th May, 1676. Present:—The above.

Edward Gwynn called to the Bar.

PENSION 12th June, 1676. Present:—OTWAY, LEHUNT, ETC.

Called to the Bar:—John Low, Thomas Burry, Henry Powell, William Burnet and John Baynes.

PENSION 27th Oct: 1676. Present:—OTWAY, ARMYNE, AMHERST, HOLT, GIFFORD, WESTON, RAYMOND and STRINGER.

"It is ordered that Mr. William Scroggs be called to the Barr he being ye only son of Mr. Justice Scroggs and to be published accordingly."

"It is ordered that whereas Mr. Gifford making a failer of his Reading and appearing at the Bench and offering for his excuse his want of hearing occasioned by his loyalty in the great service he performed for his Matie in the late troublesome times and that he was willing to present the house with a hundred pounds for a compensacon for the same the Bench thought fitt to allow his excuse and to accept of his hundred pound and to discharge him from his Reading and that another be elected Reader for next Lent and he continue his place according to former order."

PENSION 3rd Nov: 1676. Present:—The above.

Mr. Weston elected Reader for next Lent.

"It is ordered that Mr. Amherst be Deane of the Chappell in the roome of Mr. Raworth, late deceased."

Pension 17th Nov: 1676. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Amhurst, Pickering, Gifford, Weston, Baldocke, Raymond and Stringer.

Mr. Burleigh to be Reader of Staple Inn.

"Ordered that part of Stanhopes and part of Christophers Buildings in Conny Court be pulled downe and rebuilt with all convenient speed unlesse Mr. Thomas Turner who hath some interest in a chamber there shew cause to the contrary next Penc̃on."

Pension 22nd Nov., 1676. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Amhurst, Pickering, Holt, Gregory, Weston, Baldocke, Raymond and Stringer.

"Ordered that Mr. Harrington Danvers be Steward Mr. Segar chief butler Harry Taylor second butler Henry Yemes third butler and Edmund Allen puisne butler for this Society."

"Ordered that the chief butler give security to the house for the secureing the house for payment of the Brewer Baker Cheesemonger and other the buttery expenses."

"Whereas the chief butler had anciently the allowance of two shillings and tenn pence out of eight shillings for each gentleman in com̃ons for ye maintenance of the buttery expence It is now ordered that two pence shall be taken off the said two shillings tenn pence and added to the Stewards allowances And that the chief butler shall maintaine the said buttery expence in term and vacac̃on at two shillings eight pence for every com̃oner and two pence half penny for each repast and the steward is to pay the said allowance of two shillings eight pence and two pence halfpenny to the chiefe butler at the end of every terme for which said allowance the cheife butler is to provide bread beere chees potts salts and saltsellers candlesticks and candles for the hall and chappell."

Pension 24th Nov: 1676. Present:—The above.

Mr. Bayly and Mr. Henry Bigland having refused to read are fined twenty pounds each.

Called to the Bar:—Richard Attkinson, Wm. Byrd and Richard Webb.

"Whereas Mr. Hopton inhabits in a rented chamber and hath no chamber of his own to answere his arreares of dutyes and hath been severall times sum̃oned to shew cause why he did not pay his dutyes in arreare and upon his default his chamber hath been padlocked severall times and he from time to time hath pulled the padlocks off in contempt of the orders of Penc̃on the Society haveing no other compulsarey meanes upon him to compell him to p̃forme the order of this Society do order that he appear the first Penc̃on of the next terme and in the meane time satisfie all his arreares of dutyes or else he shew cause why he should not be expelled from being a member of this Society."

Pension 5th Feb: 1676. Present:—Otway, Amhurst, Pickering, Holt, Gregory, Gifford, Weston, Raymond and Stringer.

The building work mentioned on November 17th is to go forward, the owners of chambers paying their respective proportions and having leases for fifty years.

"Ordered that Matthew Pinder be called an Associate to the Bench as senior Ancient."

"It is ordered that no Associate of the Bench shall take place of any person that hath vote in Penc̃on."

Mr. John Warren is fined £100 for refusing to read.

Pension 9th Feb., 1676. Present:—Otway, Amhurst, Pickering, Holt, Gregory, Weston, Baldock, Raymond and Stringer.

Called to the Bar:—John Denne and Richard Staines.

On the expiration of the lease of Mr. Benson's chamber, it is to be "reserved and kept for the publique use and accomodac̃on of the Society."[1]

"It is ordered that the severall proprietors of Osbaldstones Buildings for one staircase and an halfe next the Gate have leases of their respective Chambers for 31 years from Ladyday next paying yearly for every ground Chamber ten shillings for the chambers one

[1] It was not so reserved. See order of 27th November, 1679.

pair of stairs out of wch the Chapel Gallery is taken ten shillings for the other chamber one pair of stairs thirteen shillings four pence for every chamber two pair of stairs a marke for every chamber three pair of stairs ten shillings for every garrett five shillings. All dutyes to be forthwith paid. And these leases are made in consideracon of rebuilding their said chambers."

PENSION 10th Feb: 1676.[1] Present:—OTWAY, PICKERING, HOLT, GREGORY, GIFFORD, RAYMOND and STRINGER.

"It is ordered that Mr. John Page Mr. Robert Marshall Mr. Richard Darley Mr. William Vaughan Mr. William Herbert Mr. Joseph Keble Sir Thomas Smith Mr. John Robins Mr. Tho. Bindlowes Mr. Robert Gooch Mr. John Rotherham and Mr. Adam Oatley[2] are summoned to appear the first Pencon the next term to be called to the Bench in order to read in their turne."

PENSION 7th May, 1677. Present:—OTWAY, JONES, HOLT, GREGORY, GIFFORD, WESTON and STRINGER.

Mr. Joseph Keble[3] and Mr. Rotherham[4] having agreed to read are called to the Bench.

"Ordered that Mr. Jones Mr. Amhurst Mr. Holt and Mr.

[1] Segar says that the Reader (Richard Weston) on 3rd March called to the Bar:—Richard Nelthorp, Thomas Done and William Bethell. Richard Nelthorp was concerned later on in the "Rye House Plot" and in Monmouth's expedition. After Sedgemoor he was harboured by Alice Lisle. A letter dated 31st October, 1685, from Robert Harley (Portland MSS.) says:—"Yesterday John Ayloff and Richard Nelthorp were hanged and quartered, the first before Inner Temple gate, the other before Gray's Inn Gate. Both died very composedly. Some say they both denied the Rye House Plot."

[2] Adam Oatley was afterwards made a Master in Chancery and knighted. He died suddenly on 12th October, 1693.

[3] Joseph Keble had been a Fellow of All Souls' in 1648. He was chiefly known as the compiler of Reports of cases in the King's Bench. He had a small estate at North End, Hampstead, where he spent much of his time. See Park's "History of Hampstead." Keble died suddenly at Gray's Inn Gate as he was taking coach there for North End.

[4] John Rotherham, or Rotheram, had been Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford. He was made a Serjeant in 1688 and soon afterwards a Baron of the Exchequer. He died in 1696.

Gregory or any two of them do discourse Doctr Cradock concerning the preaching in the afternoon and why hee doth not take care for preaching in the afternoone as his predicessors did do formerly."

PENSION 12th May, 1677. Present:—The above.

Mr. Keble and Mr. Rotherham are to have their voices in Pension.

Mr. Edward Bigland[1] and Mr. Francis Wingfeild having agreed to read are called to the Bench and to have voices in Pension.

PENSION 23rd May, 1677. Present:—OTWAY, LEHUNT, AMHURST, HOLT, GREGORY, BALDOCK, RAYMOND, STRINGER, KEBLE, ROTHERHAM, BIGLAND and WINGFEILD.

Sir Robert Baldock chosen Reader for next summer.[2]

Mr. Marshall, having refused to read, is fined £30.

PENSION 28th May, 1677. Present:—OTWAY, LEHUNT, JONES, AMHURST, HOLT, GREGORY, RAYMOND, KEBLE and ROTHERHAM.

"Ordered that all p̃sons who are not admitted members of this Society do forthwith upon notice of this order depart from this Society and if any gent. of this Society permitt any such p̃son to lodge in his chamber after notice of this order that his chamber shall be forthwith seised as forfeited to this Society and that the officers returne the names of such p̃sons and of the owners of the chambers where such p̃sons lodge at the first Penc̃on of the next terme."

"Ordered that Dr. Cradock haveing the same allowance hee had at his first comeing to the house do find a preacher in the afternoon."

[1] Edward Bigland was made a Serjeant in 1679.

[2] Sir Robert Baldock duly read and he was the last man who did so according to the ancient manner at Gray's Inn. Down to the end of 1688 the lists of benchers present at pensions continued to bear the affix "*armigeris et lectoribus*," and some sort of effort seems to have been made to secure Readings. But at the Revolution the title "lector" was silently dropped and before then the effort had ceased. One of the causes was the growth of a custom of calling men who had not read to be serjeants. Another was the great expenditure customarily associated with the Reading. See an order of 10th June, 1740.

PENSION 27th June, 1677. Present:—OTWAY, ARMYNE, LEHUNT, JONES, AMHERST, PICKERING, HOLT, GREGORY, WESTON, RAYMOND, STRINGER and KEBLE.

Mr. Henry Powell permitted to assign his chamber in Coney Court three pair of stairs high to Mr. John Powell.

PENSION 29th June, 1677.[1] Present:—LEHUNT, AMHURST, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Lewis Morgan, John Powell, Edward Hawksworth, Francis Street and Richard Walker.

PENSION 12th Nov: 1677. Present:—W. JONES, OTWAY, AMHURST, PICKERING, GIFFORD, KEBLE, ROTHERHAM and BIGLAND.

Called to the Bar:—Mr. Greenfeild and Mr. Smith.

"Ordered that Mr. Lancaster Mr. Eyre Mr. Hasell Mr. Masters Mr. Denn Mr. Kemish Mr. Cage Mr. Lovell and Mr. Richardson be sumoned to appeare at the next Pencon to be called to the Bench in order to their Reading."

"Ordered that Mr. Attwood late Master of the Revills be discharged from any further attendance."

PENSION 16th Nov: 1677. Present:—OTWAY, AMHERST, PICKERING, GIFFORD, KEBLE and ROTHERHAM.

"Ordered that Mr. Masters Mr. Denne[2] Mr. Lovell[3] and Mr. Richardson haveing agreed to Read in their turnes be called to the Bench paying their dutyes saveing the seniority of such as shall hereafter accept to Read in their turne." They are to have votes in Pension.

Called to the Bar:—Samuel Barker, Samuel Blackerby and Thomas Newdegate.

[1] Segar says the following were called by the Reader (Sir Robert Baldocke) on 4th August:—John Nash, Wortley Whorwood and Robert Barnes.

[2] Vincent Denne was made a Serjeant in 1688.

[3] Salathiel Lovell was made a Serjeant in 1688. In 1692 he was appointed Recorder of London and knighted. In 1708 he was promoted, at the age of eighty-nine, to be a Baron of the Exchequer. He died in 1713.

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1677. Present:—The above; also BIGLAND, DENNE, LOVELL and RICHARDSON.

"It is ordered that those gentlemen of this Society that doe not pay their termely dutyes to the Preacher before the end of this terme and for the time to come every terme shall not upon their calling to the Barr be allowed those termes for wch they make default."

Mr. Pickering elected Treasurer for next year.

PENSION 6th Feb: 1677. Present:—OTWAY, PICKERING, BREWER, GIFFORD, KEBLE, ROTHERHAM, MASTERS, DENNE and LOVELL.

Mr. Crawford called to the Bar.

"Whereas John Crisp Esqr hath offered to pay twenty pounds to the use of this Society in case he may be dispenst with for his call to the Bench in order to his Reading It is ordered accordingly hee first paying the summe so offered by him to the present Treasurer."

Mr. Ireland called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1677. Present:—The above.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Patten, John Brewer, Thomas Stanley and John Manley.

PENSION 12th Feb., 1677. Present:—OTWAY, PICKERING, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, BIGLAND, MASTERS and DENNE.

Mr. Thomas to have a vote in Pension and be discharged of Reading if he pay forthwith £150.

PENSION 3rd May, 1678. Present:—OTWAY, AMHERST, PICKERING, KEBLE, ROTHERHAM, BIGLAND, MASTERS, DENN and LOVELL.

Sir William Pargiter, having accepted to Read, is called to the Bench saving the seniority of such as shall afterwards accept.

PENSION 6th May, 1678. Present:—The above.

Sir William Pargiter to have a vote in Pension.

A dispute settled as to "the long chamber or gallery next to the Hall gallery." A partition to be erected in the middle of it. A right of passage to the Hall gallery was, and is, reserved to the Society.

PENSION 8th May, 1678. Present:—ARMYNE, AMHERST, PICKERING, KEBLE, MASTERS, DENN, RICHARDSON and LOVELL.

Contracts to assign chambers without licence of Pension are "against the orders of this Society and voyd and shalbe at all times disallowed."

PENSION 10th May, 1678. Present:—AMHERST, PICKERING, BREWER, KEBLE, ROTHERHAM, MASTERS, DENN and LOVELL.

Certificates of payment of rent and duties, annexed to petitions to Pension, to be signed by the Dean of the Chapel, or the Treasurer, or any two Benchers before they be read, or allowed, in Pension.

"Whereas his Matie hath been pleased to take into his royall consideracõn the great expence of Readers in the severall Inns of Court and for regulacõn thereof by his Lord Chancellor and Judges hath signified his pleasure to be That noe Reader not being of his Maties Councell or Recorder of London should expend above three hundred pounds to the end the same may be reduced to a conformity therein It is by general consent of the four Inns of Court agreed as followeth:

"1st That noe Reader do give livery to any above the number of two and that to attend his person.

"2^ly^ That noe publique entertaynement or exceedings be given before Munday on wch and not before the Reading shall beginn, save only wine and bisketts on Sunday morning before hee goes to Church.

"3^ly^ That every Reading doe determine on the Fryday next at eleaven of the clock and that dureing the Reading there be but two

grand dayes unless when the Reading beginns before the circuit and not to exceed two courses upon any grand day.

"4ly That on the other dayes no persons be p̃mitted to dine in the Hall save only members of the Society in their gownes and to have but one course at the Readers table and neither breakfast nor suppers at the Readers charge dureing the Reading.

"5ly That noe wine be p̃mitted to be brought into the Hall in bottles dureing the Reading nor drinking glasses used in the Hall save at the Readers table. And the Readers sellar to be shutt when he rises from dinner.

"6ly That the exceedings in the Hall shalbe such as the Benchers of their respective Houses shall direct and appoint.

Ja: Stedman	Edw: Smith	Jo: Rotherham	La: Johnson
Sam: Eyre	Tho: Smith	Sala: Lovell	A. Farrington."

"Ordered that the Articles and Agreement above menc̃oned be and hereby is ratified and confirmed and that if any Reader shall at any time hereafter act or doe contrary thereunto such Reader shall not have or receive any benefitt privilidge or advantage in this Society as Reader of the same and that in such case the Benchers and other the members of this Society are hereby dispenst with and shall not be oblidged to pay their attendance or p̃forme any exercise or service in the said Society dureing such Reading as otherwise they ought to doe."

Pension 5th June, 1678. Present:—Leihunt, Amhurst, Pickering, Gifford, Keble, Rothherham, Masters, Denne, Lovell and Pargiter.

"Ordered that Wm. Scroggs Esq. son and heir apparent of the Lord Chief Justice be called an Ancient of this Society."

Pension 12th June, 1678. Present:—Armyne, Brewer, Richardson and the above.

"Ordered that George Evans Richard Haley Marmaduke Williams Charles Bonython Samuel Westerne Edward Loyd and Tho. Ogle haveing been full standing and admittance, performed all their

exercises and being full comons are called to the Barr paying their dutyes but the publicacon is to be respited till they have satisfied the Bench that they have chambers in the House."

"Ordered that Mr. Scroggs one of the Ancients of this Society and only son of the Lord Chief Justice of England be called to be an Associate of the Bench."

PENSION 14th June, 1678. Present:—OTWAY, ARMYNE, LEHUNT, AMHERST, PICKERING, BREWER, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, MASTERS, DENNE, LOVELL, RICHARDSON and PARGITER.

A committee appointed to "view the parcell of ground in lease to the Earle of Warwicke to the end it may be justly divided from the ground belonging to Warwicke House at the desire of the executors of the late Lady Countesse of Warwicke."

Mr. Knight and Mr. Robinson called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the gentlemen who desire to moote this term have a month longer time to moote in and that hereafter the gent. of the House have liberty to moote in term time."

PENSION 6th Nov., 1678. Present:—OTWAY, LEVINZ, ARMYNE, AMHERST, PICKERING, BREWER, GIFFORD, KEBLE, ROTHERHAM, MASTERS, DENNE and LOVELL.

"Ordered that Sir Creswell Levinz[1] one of his Maties Councell be called to the Bench and have a vote in Pencon haveing accepted to Read in his turne."

Mr. Rigby called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Disney be allowed here the same time he had in the Inner Temple and that his present admission be amended accordingly."

[1] Sir Creswell was appointed Attorney-General in 1679. The following year he became Serjeant and a Justice of Common Pleas. He assisted Jeffreys in the "bloody assize." In 1686 he was dismissed from the Judicial Bench and was subsequently one of the counsel for the seven Bishops. He compiled Reports of Cases in the King's Bench, 1660-96. He died in 1701.

"Whereas of late some members of this Society not fittly quallified have been called to the Barr for prevention of the like for the future It is ordered that no practiceing Attorney or Sollicitor whatsoever nor any person who hath been or shalbe a practicer as a Sollicitor or Attorney at any time within five years next before his or their peticoning the Bench to be called to the Barr shall be admitted to pass or be called to the Barr upon any application or pretence whatsoever unlesse he or they at such time shall happen to be a prothonotarie or some great Officer in the Law And it is further ordered that no Barrister do signe the moote of any not quallified according to this present order at his perrill."

Students who have not paid their commons shall not be reckoned to have kept commons for the period for which they have not paid.

"And whereas it is observed that members of this Society and others do lodge their wives and families in chambers within this House to the great reproach thereof It is therefore ordered that in case it shalbe found that any women or persons not members of this Society shalbe p̃mitted to lodge in any chamber belonging to this house by the space of one month together or by the space of eight weeks in any one year that in such case such chamber shall be forfieted to the house and that any member of this Society that will make proof thereof and peticon for such chamber shalbe admitted thereunto at a reasonable fine and paying the dutyes incumbent upon ye same.

"And for as much as by ancient orders of this Society no person shalbe called to the Barr unless he have a chamber in his own right bona fide and without fraud and that some members of this Society are in their own names or in the names of others in trust for them possest of more chambers than one And others not members of this Society do lett chambers for yearly rent and do not within reasonable time assign or dispose the same bona fide to members residing in the same so that it becomes impossible for gentlemen desiring to be called to the Barr to be accomodated with chambers as they ought to be It is therefore ordered that if any chamber shall fall to any person not a member of this Society who shall not assign the same by licence to some member of this house bona fide within four terms

next after the same shall accrue unto him or her and also that if any member of this Society shalbe intituled to two or more chambers in this house and shall not within four terms from time to time depart with all, save one, by licence bona fide, that in either of the cases above said the chamber of such p̃son not a member and all chambers above one at the elec̃on of the proprietor shalbe forfiet to this Society and be granted to any member of the same at a reasonable fine and arrears of dutyes who will petic̃on for the same.

"It is also ordered that for the future no Treasurer or other shall contract any debt to the value of tenn pounds or upwards to oblidge or charge the house without the consent and assistance of two or more of the Bench first had or by Penc̃on order And that all Treasurers accompts for the future shalbe fairly made upp by the usuall way of Debitor and Creditor and inspected halfe yearly in term time or within one weeke after before six of the Bench at least by them to be examined and to be justified by authentique vouchers And for one terme next ensueing to be left for publique view in the Stewards Chamber and if no excepc̃ons be taken by any member of this Society in that time to pass and be conclusive and not otherwise."

"For the future all petty mootes shalbe p̃formed in term time publique in the Hall after supper and if otherwise p̃formed the same not to be allowed."

Pension 11th Nov: 1678. Present:—Otway, Levinz, Armyne, Amherst, Pickering, Brewer, Gifford, Keble, Rotherham, Masters, Denne and Lovell.

Ordered that Mr. John Holt have the chamber now in his possession "one pair of stairs in Osbaldstons Buildings at the Chappell end for twenty one years at £15 fine and 20s rent."

The assignment made to Mr. Rotherham and Mr. Yate by the executors of the late Countess of Warwick, executrix of the Earl of Warwick, of the house and part of the garden belonging to the house by Pension order dated the 28th November, 1663, is allowed and approved by Pension.

Pension 15th Nov: 1678. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Pickering, Keble, Masters, Denne and Lovell.

"Ordered that all that is due to Mr. Boughton for his afternoons care and paines in the Chappell be forthwith paid him by the Treasurer."

William Agar called to the Bar.

Pension 20th Nov: 1678. Present:—Levinz, Amherst, Pickering, Brewer, Gifford, Rotherham, Masters, Denne and Lovell.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Robinson, Edward Chetham, John Bond, Evan Christian, Thomas Farran and Robert Francis.

Mr. Thomas, having undertaken to read next Lent and subsequently intimated that he cannot do so, is fined £150, but the fine may be remitted if he read in the Autumn.

Pension 7th Feb: 1678. Present:—Otway, Levinz, Amherst, Pickering, Keble, Masters, Denne and Lovell.

"Ordered that the Principalls of Staples Inn and Barnards Inn do upon Wednesday next attend the Pencon with the names of all papist and reputed papist of their respective houses requireing them and every of them then and there to give their attendance and to take the oaths of allegiancy and supremacy in obedience to a comission under the great seal of England to the Benchers of this Society directed for that purpose."

"Whereas a comission under the great seal of England was directed to the Treasurer and Benchers of this house dated the 19th day of December last to require and receive the oathes of supremacy and allegiancy of all papist or so reputed within the Society or the Inns of Chancery belonging to it In execucon of the said comission the said oathes were tendred too and taken by John Winchcomb and Thomas Yates of this Society and the Principalls of Staple Inn and Barnards Inn made their returnes that no persons are resideing there who are papist or so reputed."

Ordered that Thomas Reynolds be assistant to the porter and "that eight persons be provided by Reynolds every night to watch all night two in the Walks two in Conny Court and Chapell Court two in Field Court and Holbourn Court and two in the Lodge untill further order and this to be done at the charge of the house for five and the other three to be the porter his man and their assistant already allowed by the House."

Thomas Adams to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Dr. Cradocks resignacon be accepted of his Preachers place of Grays Inn."

"Ordered that Mr. Clegat[1] be chosen Preacher for this Society and that he have his allowance forty pounds a term and have the chamber belonging to the Preacher and comons for himselfe and his man dureing the time of comons in the Hall."

Pension 23rd May, 1679. Present:—W. Jones, Otway, Levinz, Amherst, Keble, Rotherham, Masters and Denn.

In the Treasurer's absence money due to the Society is to be paid to Sir Creswell Levinz.

"Ordered that Simon Segar do give notice to the persons whose names are returned upon the order of the House of Lords as papists or so reputed and Irishmen personally if he cann or otherwise skreening upp a coppy of the order in the Hall to the intent they may appear at the next Pencon to make it appear they have conformed to the said order or otherwise to shew cause why the said order should not be executed on them."

"Ordered that the Preachers allowance be two hundred pounds a year from his first entrance and that the Preacher do from henceforth provide an able man for afternoon sermons."

[1] William Clegat, or Clagett, had been appointed a Royal Chaplain in 1677. He was born at Bury St. Edmunds in 1646 and educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. From 1683 he held with the Preachership the living of Farnham Royal, Bucks, and from 1686 he was also Lecturer at St. Michael's, Bassishaw. He wrote a good many controversial works, chiefly against Romanism. He died of small-pox on 28th March, 1688. Some volumes of his sermons were published after his death by his brother.

Pension 28th May, 1679. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Pickering, Brewer, Gifford, Keble, Rotherham, Masters and Denne.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurers surrender upon his motion of his Treasurershipp be accepted."

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Yates and John Mihill.

Pension 23rd June, 1679. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Amherst, Gifford, Keble, Masters, Denn and Lovell.

"Ordered that Mr. Attorney Generall be desired to take upon him the Treasurershipp of this Society being thereunto chosen by the unanimose consent of the whole Bench."

Pension 30th June, 1679. Present:—Otway, Levinz, Amherst, Pickering, Keble, Rotherham and Denne.

Mr. John Yalden to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the pattent and claim of Sir Phillip Mathewes be referred to Sir John Otway Sir Creswell Levinz and Mr. Amherst to report."[1]

Pension 7th July, 1679. Present:—Otway, Armyne, Pickering, Gifford, Keble, Rotherham, Denne and Richardson.

Called to the Bar:—Randolph Winn, William Glynn, Edward Barnard and Henry Baldocke.

"Ordered that the exceptions by the gent. to the late Treasurers account be referred unto Mr. Amherst Mr. Brewer Mr. Gifford Mr. Rotherham Mr. Masters and Mr. Denne or any two of them to consider of and report the next Pencon."

Pension 7th Nov: 1679. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Keble, Masters and Bigland.

"Ordered that Mr. Crawley eldest sonne to Mr. Baron Crawley

[1] See under Pensions of 17th November, 1701, and 8th May, 1702.

eldest sonne to Mr. Justice Crawley decd and Mr. Povy eldest son to the late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland be called to the Barr they paying all dutyes before publicacon both of them being full standing."

Pension 12th Nov: 1679. Present:—The above and others.

"Ordered that Mr. Sacheverell be called to the Barr *ex gratia*."

"Ordered that Sir Creswell Levinz Knt the Kings Attourney Generall be Treasurer of this Society and be attended with this order and desired to accept the same."

Pension 19th Nov: 1679. Present:—Otway, Pickering, Gifford, Rotherham, Masters, Bigland, Denne and Lovell.

"Ordered that these persons following first paying their duties be summoned to attend at next Pencon to accept the call to the Bench, in order to Read in their turne vizt—

Barthrop Jonathan	Hawtree John	Lilburne Wm.
Mittford Humph:	Nutt Edward	Nevill Edw.
Exton Tho. Knt.[1]	Prichard Tho.	Lamplugh Rich.
Dickins Wm.	Marks James	Cradock Tho.
Blackston John	Stanhopp John	Williams Wm.
Constable Robt.	Wright John	Barrett Paul
Rookby Tho.	Hitchins John	
Harford Brigstocke	Bedingfield Chr.	

"Ordered that Mr. William Williams[2] and Mr. Paul Barrett

[1] Sir Thomas Exton was, according to Luttrell, "Dean of the Arches, Vicar General to the Archbishop of Canterbury, Chancellor to the Bishop of London and Master of Trinity Hall in Cambridge." He did not accept his call to the Bench.

[2] William Williams was in the following year Speaker of the House of Commons. Though he was at this time a Whig, he went over to James II in 1687, and was made Solicitor-General, for which Macaulay calls him a "venal turncoat." He prosecuted the seven Bishops, and in consequence, according to Luttrell, his windows in Gray's Inn were broken in October, 1688. The said windows would have been on the first floor in Denny's Buildings. Williams lost the Solicitorship in 1689, but was made a King's Counsel and later on a Baronet. Luttrell, however, says that in 1695-6 he was "turn'd out from being King's Councill." He died in 1700.

haveing accepted to Read in their course be called to the Bench saveing the seniority of the other persons called *ut prius* by former order."

Pension 24th Nov: 1679. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Pickering, Brewer, Gifford, Rotherham, Denne and Lovell.

"Ordered that Robert Hodgson, Thomas Reynolds and Parry Broadhead be allowed upon their peticon forty shillings apiece."

Called to the Bar:—John Osborne, Edward Osborne, Oliver Killingworth and Lewes West.

"Ordered that every gentleman of this Society that shall hereafter be called to a vote in Pencon or to the Bench doe first pay the sum of one hundred marks as a caucon for their Reading to be repaid againe when they shall have performed their respective Readings."

Summoned to accept call to the Bench and to read:—

Hunt Tho.	Millward Tho.	Ouby John Knt.
Swift Godwin	Burton Tho.	Lever John
Powell John[1]	James Higgins	Marshall Rich.
Prickett Allen	Chamberlaine Rich.	More Gabr:
Rumsey Hen.	Harris Tho.	Thurburne John

Mr. Spranger to have twelve pounds for the furniture of his chamber.

Inventory of the Goods in the Chappell Reader's Chamber.

Two rooms hung the one with greene and the other with sad collour printed stuffe.

In the greate chamber four leather chairs.

In the bedd chamber four printed stuffe chairs, one bedstead with curtains, cord and matt.

In the study one table.

[1] John Powell did not accept the call, and consequently appears but little in these records. He was knighted and made a Justice of Common Pleas in 1686. The following year he was transferred to the King's Bench, but was dismissed for the view he took of the points at issue in the trial of the seven Bishops. King William appointed him to the Common Pleas in May, 1689. He died in 1696.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1679. Present:—OTWAY, AMHERST, PICKERING, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, MASTERS, DENNE and LOVELL.

Mr. Thomas Colthurst called to the Bar.

Mr. William Williams to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1679. Present:—OTWAY, PICKERING, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENNE and LOVELL.

"Ordered that Sir John Bolles have the chamber formerly Mr. Bensons[1] two pair of stairs in Chappell Court with the seller from Mich: last for one and twenty years at the rent of forty shillings *per ann:* and two hundred and twenty pounds fine."

PENSION 9th Feb: 1679. Present:—LEVINZ, PICKERING, MASTERS, DENNE, ROTHERHAM, BIGLAND and LOVELL.

"Ordered that the Earl of Clare and his Countesse have liberty to sitt in the Chappell gallery in such place as becomes their honours and quality."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1679. Present:—AMHERST, PICKERING, BREWER, GIFFORD, MASTERS, DENNE, and LOVELL.

Called to the Bar:—Isaac Knight and Thomas Cornwallis.

PENSION 5th May, 1680. Present:—LEVINZ, OTWAY, LEHUNT, GIFFORD, MASTERS and LOVELL.

A committee appointed to determine all differences among persons concerned "touching the rebuilding the chambers burnt down[2] in Conny Court."

[1] This was in Bacon's Buildings.

[2] Narcissus Luttrell in his "Brief Relation of State Affairs" says: "On the 17th [February] broke out a fire in Coney Court in Graies Inn in the chambers of one Mr. Addys about three in the morning: it burnt violently for three hours and then abated. It consumed about fifty or sixty chambers." Mr. Addys' (Ady's) chambers were in the entry to Coney Court from Chapel Court, *i.e.*, on the site now occupied by No. 2, Gray's Inn Square. Luttrell exaggerates the number of chambers consumed.

Pension 17th May, 1680. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Brewer, Rotherham, Masters and Denn.

"Ordered that Mr. Narcissus Luttrell[1] eldest sonne of Mr. Luttrell Reader elect be called to the Barr being full comons and time and paying all dutyes."

Mr. Joseph Yates and Mr. Richard Pinder called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Marmaduke Darrell who hath peticoned to be called to the Barr but doth stand in contempt of the Bench be not called to the Barr untill hee hath given full satisfacon of his misdemeaner."

"Ordered that unlesse the Serjeants who lodge or have chambers in this house do pay the Precher all arrears of Preachers dutyes before the first day of next term that their chambers be seized."

Pension 19th May, 1680. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Jones, Pickering, Brewer, Gifford, Rotherham and Lovell.

"Ordered that the builders in Conny Court have the ground to build on as it is staked out being 42 foot west and 45 foot north making no new back door saveinge one passage out of Conny Court into the Walks as convenient as the former passage."

Pension 21st May, 1680. Present:—The above and Amherst, Keble, Denne and Masters.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Thurburne,[2] and Mr. Edward Nevill[3] to have vote in Pension, paying their hundred marks.

"Ordered that the building term in Conny Court for the chambers burnt or destroyed by the late fire be 51 years from Lady-day last."

"Ordered that every member of the Bench of this Society

[1] This was the author of the "Brief Relation" so often quoted in these notes. He was born in 1657 and died in 1732. He was never a Bencher, though he was offered the honour in 1706.

[2] John Thurburne was made a Serjeant in 1689.

[3] Edward Nevill was knighted shortly afterwards, and in 1685 was made a Baron of the Exchequer.

already admitted to the Bench that is not passed his Reading do forthwith deposit in the Treasurers hands the sum of one hundred markes and every member that shall hereafter be called to the Bench do deposit in the Treasurers hands the like sum of one hundred marks before his admittance to the Bench as a caucon for their respective Readings and to be repaid by the Treasurer for the time being out of the revenue of the House at their respective Readings and that all former orders concerning this matter be waved and sett aside."

Pension 16th June, 1680. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Jones, Amherst, Gifford, Keble, Rotherham, Denne and Lovell.

Mr. Lilbourn and Mr. Blackston having accepted to read are to be called to the Bench.

A committee appointed to examine into the debts of the house and hereafter all bills are to be brought to the Treasurer the next term after they are due, or else not to be received.

"Ordered that the names of every person that shall hereafter peticon to be called to the Barr shalbe publickly screened a week before the same be granted or allowed to the end every gentleman of this Society may take all just exceptions thereunto and that no certificate be made upon any peticon not soe published saveing calls of grace to be made by the Bench in extraordinary cases except of such persons as have practised as Attorneys or Sollicitors within five years before their respective peticons."

Five pounds to be given towards apprenticing Thomas Joyner, son of an officer of this House.

Pension 28th June, 1680. Present:—Levins, Otway, Lehunt, Jones, Amherst, Pickering, Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Lovell, Blackston, Nevill, Lilburne and Barrett.

Mr. Blackston and Mr. Lilburne to have votes in Pension.

"Ordered that Mr. Keble, Mr. Rotherham, Mr. Masters, Mr. Denne and Mr. Lovell doe respectively pay their respective hundred markes for caucon for their respective Readings according to former order before Munday next."

"Ordered that sellers be made under all the new buildings in Conny Court at the charge of all the builders and they to have equal benefit therein and that the building of Mr. Vernatty and all over it be pulled down to be rebuilt with the rest unless cause be shewed to the contrary in either case upon notice next Pension."

"Ordered that those Benchers who have not read nor paid downe their caucon money doe pay downe their respective caucon moneys before next Wensday at noon or in default thereof to be disbenched."

"It is ordered that Mr. Amherst and Mr. Nevill do collect the voluntary contributions of the members of this society towards the rebuilding of St. Pauls London."

"It is desired that Mr. Woogan and Mr. John Collins do collect ye voluntary contribucons of the members of this Society towards the relief of the slaves at Algier."

Pension 4th Nov: 1680. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell and Barrett.

The passage into Bently's Rents to be stopped up by Michaelmas next.

Mr. Constable having been summoned to accept a call to the Bench and neglected to give an answer is fined £20.

"Ordered that the severall persons hereunder named vizt Mr. Thomas Rookby Mr. Bridgstock Harford Mr. John Hawtree Mr. Edward Nutt Mr. James Marks Mr. John Stanhope Mr. John Hitchins Mr. Chr: Beddingfield Mr. Rich: Lamplugh and Mr. Thomas Cradock be summoned to appear at a Pencon holden the 24th day of this instant November[1] to be called to the Bench in order to their reading."

Pension 9th Nov: 1680. Present:—Williams, Otway, Lehunt, Rothherham, Lovell, Nevill, Barrett and Thurburne.

"Ordered that Mr. Marmaduke Darrell making it appear that he is full comons time and exercises and paying the dutyes be called to the Barr."

William Daniell and John Williams to be called to the Bar.

[1] There is no record of a Pension on this date.

Pension 26th Nov., 1680. Present:—Levins, Otway, Lehunt, Jones, Amherst, Rotherham, Denne, Lovell, Nevill, Barrett and Thurburn.

Called the grand Company of Ancients:—

Carlisle Francis
Fairfax Brian
Hamond Wm.
Gwilliams Lucius
Bradshaw Charles
Feltham Owen
Sandford Tho.
Stanhopp Jo. Jun:
Man Wm.
James Henry
Aldersey Tho.
Try John
Thornicroft John
Bluck Math.
South Warner
Willimott Robt.
Tayler John, Sen:
Cowse Rich.
Donbarvin Nath.
Hitchcock Geo.
Barker Tho.
Shafto Mark
Coghill John
Temple Chr.
Oakley Jonathan
Alured Thomas
Legard Robt.
Tolson Tho.
Hollywell James
Meaburn Anth.
Woolrich John
Trevanion Charles
Aglionby John
Powell Tho.
Bispham Tho.
Shelly Hen.
Mildmay Hen.
Davison Wm.
Collins John
Shuttleworth Tho.
Pigeon Charles
Irons John
Hollis Robt.
Prickett Geo.
Shuttleworth Edw.
Attkinson Robt.
Robinson John
Robinson Edw.
Skipp Geo.
Fane Henry
Niccolls Bassill
Cooke Ralph
Crofts Roger
Roberts Edw.
Rawlinson Wm.
Mathewes John
Bacon Phillip
Jones Rich.
Barry Edw.
Sprigg Wm.
Meatcalfe Tho.
Dobson Edw.
Garland John
Mansell Arth.
Wall Tho.
Traherne Edw.
Bull Marm:
Gooding Tho.
Bedingfield Dan.
Reeve August.
Drayner Edm.
Colcott Anth.
Ashton Edm: Bart.
Spencer John
Holly Benj.
Blount Wm.
Tennant James
Merrick Lewes
Loyd Griff.
Spencer Wm.
Dixon Wm.
Champnyes Just.
Mathewes John
Moore Roger
Carter Tho.
Busby Wm.
Mauliverer Nich.
Crawley John
Gregory James.

Mr. Prichard to be called to the Bench.

Mr. Pickering to pay the arrears due on his account as Treasurer (£43 5*s.* 0*d.*) before the first Pension of next term, or his chamber to be seized.

Mr. Richard Vaughan to be called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th Jan., 1680. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, DENNE, NEVILL and THURBURNE.

"Ordered that the sum of five pounds be given to Mr. Adams for his present of a mapp lately given by him to this Society and now hanging in the Hall."

Mr. Herbert Randolph to be called to the Bar.

Mr. William Dickins and Mr. Tho. Prichard admitted to the Bench and to vote in Pension.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1680. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, LEHUNT, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, LOVELL, NEVILL and BARRETT.

Mr. Bretland to have "the late passage out of Holbourn Court into Bentlys Rents added to his Chamber."

An additional £5 granted towards apprenticing Thomas Joyner.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1680. Present:—The above.

Mr. William Williams, to be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Mr. Griffith Williams, Mr. Thomas Beckwith and Mr. Thomas Newburgh to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer do pay the widdow Bowler James Chaplain John Beaser Rich. Whitmore Parry Broadhead John Winchipp and Ann Phillipps twenty shillings a peece for the present releife of their necessityes."

Auditors appointed for the accounts of Mr. Justice Levinz, late Treasurer of this Society.

With respect to the rebuilding of the portion of Coney Court destroyed by the recent fire,[1] Mr. Try and Mr. Halford are appointed builders. There are to be cellars under the late chambers of Sir

[1] See note on p. 59.

Thomas Stringer, Sir John Otway, Mr. Try and Mr. Vernatty. The buildings are to be "set back four foot northward from Conny Court" and there is to be a passage to the Walks between Sir John Otway's and Sir Thomas Stringer's chambers.[1]

PENSION 11th May, 1681. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, DENNE, ROTHERHAM, LOVELL and NEVILL.

"Ordered that Sir William Scroggs[2] be called to the Bench first paying one hundred marks as a caucon for his reading according to former orders of Pencon."

The officers are to make a return "of all persons lying within the courts of this House" "and are not members of this Society."

PENSION 15th June, 1681. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENNE, LOVELL, BLACKSTON, LILBOURN and THURBURNE.

Mr. Thomas Rookeby[3] to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that a stone Dore case and the stepps from it through the comon passage in the new buildings out of Conny Court into the Walks be builded and made at the charge of this Society."

"Upon the complaint of many of the ancient Barresters and members of this Society made at this Pencon that severall gentlemen of this Society some of whom seldom appear in comons pay noe dutyes and decline the exercises of the house and others have taken millitary imployments upon them and others without gownes and with swords have in a tumultuous manner assembled themselves in the comon Hall of this Society (setting the Bench there) and in an irregular way encompassed the Bench and by getting upon the cupboard and tables in the said Hall, loud acclamacons and by flinging upp their hatts did very much disturb the peace and infringe the ancient good goverment of this Society wch if not prevented may

[1] *I.e.*, where the passage is to this day, at No. 5, Gray's Inn Square.

[2] William Scroggs, Jun., had during the year been knighted, and made a King's Counsel. He died in 1695—in debt to the Society.

[3] Thomas Rookeby was made a Serjeant and subsequently a Justice of the Common Pleas in 1689.

prove of dangerous consequence and therefore did pray that this Pencon would take it into their consideracon and provide some way to redresse the same for the future, this Pencon being greatly sensible of the same and taking themselves to be obliged to do their dutyes therein do unanimously declare that if any person or persons members of this Society shall and do at any time hereafter promote or abett any tumultuous insurrection or outragious assembly contrary to the peace order and good government of this Society such persons shall and wilbe justly esteemed unfitt and unworthy to be and continue members of this Society and that they will proceed against them accordingly. And for the further preservation of the peace and quiett of this Society it is ordered that for the future noe applicacons upon any publique matter whatsoever be made to the Bench sitting in the Hall from any member of this Society but by the Barr Messe, the same being according to the ancient custome and usage of the house and that this order and declaracon be publiquely skreened once in every term as in like cases is usuall."[1]

Pension 17th June, 1681. Present:—Williams, Lehunt, Amherst, Rotherham, Rookby, Nevill and Thurburne.

"Ordered that noe member of this Society doe wilfully breake any pott or potts in the Hall upon paine of expulcon."

"Ordered that before Mr. Clapham be called to the Barr that the gentlemen of the House be heard concerning him."

Samuel Barber and Anthony Parker called to the Bar.

The officers of the house to have £35 distributed among them in respect of board during the time when no commons are kept.

[1] "The 15th was a project sett on foot in Grayes Inn for the carrying on an addresse for thankes to his majestie for his late declaration; and was moved that day in the hall by some at dinner and being (as is usuall) sent to the barr messe to be by them recommended to the bench, but was rejected both by bench and barr; but the other side seeing they could doe noe good this way, they gott about forty togeather and went to the tavern, and there subscribed the said addresse in the name of the truely loyall gentlemen of Grayes Inn. The cheif sticklers for the said addresse were Sir William Scroggs, jun., Robert Fairebeard, Capt: Stowe, Capt: Ratcliffe, one Yalden with others to the number of 40 or thereabouts; many of them sharpers about town with clerks not out of theire time and young men newly come from the university." (Luttrell, i, 99.)

Pension 21st Nov: 1681. Present:—Otway, Williams, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Pricihard and Thurburne.

Benjamin Cropley and Francis Browne to be called to the Bar.

Pension 25th Nov: 1681. Present:—The above.

Mr. John Clapham to be called to the Bar.

Mr. Robert Wynne to be called to the Bar by the grace of the House.

"Ordered that Morris Pugh the porter of the house be removed from his place of porter and that Thomas Reynolds be porter in his room *de bene esse* till next terme and that the said Pugh do receive all the rents and arrears of rents that are or shalbe due at Xtmas next from wch time the said Pugh shall have twenty pounds per ann. paid to him quarterly dureing his life out of the Treasury of the House."

Pension 8th Feb., 1681. Present:—Williams, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Nevill and Barrett.

A committee appointed to examine the petition of the members of the Inner Temple "for being admitted members of this Society."

Called to the Bar:—John Rotherham, John Hooke, Thomas Whitwick, Wm. Courthropp, John Ekins, Samuel Hughes and Ellis Meredith.

"Ordered that in respect of the decay of the profitts of the Head Cooks place by not having Readings and Grand Dayes that Thomas Bowler the head cook of this Society have paid him out of the Treasury of this house three pounds per term for the year ensuinge and no longer."

Pension 24th May, 1682. Present:—Otway, Williams, Jones, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Nevill and Barrett.

John Smelt, Edward Corbett, Tho. Witherly and Charles Man to be called to the Bar.

Edward Jones, son of Edmund Jones, late Reader of this Society, called to the Bar.

Pension 27th May, 1682. Present:—Otway, Williams, Jones, Amherst, Gifford, Denne, Nevill and Prichard.

"Ordered that Doctr Cradock have twenty pounds paid him forthwith out of the Treasury being in arrear and long since due to him."

Paul Pullen to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the gentlemen who suffered by the fyre doe give in their answers on the first Pencon of next term whether they will submitt to the order of this Bench and then this Bench will take this matter into further consideracon."

Pension 28th June, 1682. Present:—Otway, Williams, Denne, Prichard, Barrett, Blackston and Thurburn.

Thomas Swinburne, Sir John Platt, Robt. Webster, Tho. Franklin, Wm. Perrott, Robt. Peppard, Rich. Thornton and Laurence Agar to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered upon observacon of the great disturbances wch of late have happened in the comon Hall of this Society and of not less inconveniency then the life of one of the servants thereof being in danger thereby that for the regulateing of such disorders for ye future a Booke be bought and every students name entered therein as often as hee shalbe found willfully to break any pott or potts there, and that none of those terms in wch any of the said students shalbe so entered shalbe allowed or accounted unto them in order to their call to the Barr."

Mr. John Jefferson, Mr. Samuel Buck, Mr. Edward Lutwich,[1] Mr. John Holt, Mr. Wm. Carr, Mr. Chr. Driffield, Mr. Wm. Woogan and Mr. George Pelham to be summoned to accept a call to the Bench.

[1] Edward Lutwich, though he does not seem to have accepted this call, was in 1683 made a Serjeant and in 1686 a Justice of the Common Pleas.

PENSION 30th June, 1682. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENNE, LOVELL, NEVILL and BARRETT.

A committee appointed to treat with Mr. Newdegate for his interest in his Chamber.[1]

PENSION 3rd Nov., 1682. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, LEHUNT, ROTHERHAM, DENNE, NEVILL and THURBURNE.

"Ordered that Sir William Scroggs, Mr. John Jefferson, Mr. Samuel Bucke, Mr. John Holt[2] and Mr. William Woogan[3] haveing paid their hundred markes according to former orders be admitted to votes in Pencon."

Mr. Adam Colclough called to the Bar.

Mr. Gipps upon promise to perform the office of Master of the Revels is called to the Bar of grace.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer doe pay to the Master of the Revills ten pounds for the whole time of the Revills this year for setting up scaffolds in the comon Hall of this Society."[4]

[1] Doubtless the intention was to make this chamber, which was on the same staircase and floor as the Library, a Pension Chamber. But see order of 28 Nov., 1684. Newdegate's chamber had been Francis Bacon's Reader's Chamber.

[2] John Holt, eldest son of Sir Thomas Holt, a Bencher of the Inn, was born in 1642, admitted to the Inn at the age of ten, and called to the Bar in 1663. See note on p. 1. In March, 1685-6, he was made Recorder of London and knighted. In 1686 he was made Serjeant and King's Serjeant. In April, 1689, he was made Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He died in 1710.

[3] William Woogan was made a Serjeant in 1689. He was afterwards knighted.

[4] Luttrell, writing during November, says: "On Saturday the 4th instant the revells began in Graies Inn which is to continue every Saturday during this term and the next." Later in the month he writes: "His Majestie hath conferred the honour of knighthood on Mr. Richard Gipps, Master of the Revells at Graies Inn." In the following February he tells us that: "Sir Richard Gipps, master of the revells at Graies Inn, attended with his revellers and comptrollers, went to Whitehall the 23rd of the last month in one of his Majesties coaches, with severall noblemens coaches and 6 horses, to invite the King and queen the duke and dutchesse and the rest of the court to a mask at Graies Inn the 2d instant being Candlemas day; and accordingly there was great preparation that day, diverse of the nobility and gentry in masks, who danced in the hall, and afterwards were entertained with a splendid banquet."

PENSION 10th Nov., 1682. Present:—The above and others.

Michael Glyd called to the Bar.

PENSION 15th Nov., 1682. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, LEHUNT, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, PRICHARD, NEVILL and BUCK.

"Ordered that Mr. Gifford succeed Treasurer after Mr. Williams the present Treasurer hath compleated his two years Treasurershipp."

John Major, Joseph Lounds and [Richard] Oxinden called to the Bar.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1682. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, PRICHARD, NEVILL, BARRETT, THURBURNE and WOOGAN.

Mr. Edward Rigby, Mr. John Mollineux and Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon having petitioned for a building term in Grimston's Buildings they are granted a term of fifty-one years. They are to rebuild with brick, and it is ordered "that the passage from ye Chappel Court to Field Court shalbe leveld and open to the aire and the passage from Holbourn Court to Field Court shalbe made most advantagious and easy for passage." A committee appointed to supervise the building.[1]

"Ordered upon the report of Mr. Lovell and Mr. Thurburn . . . whereby it appeared that the Steward hath caused the rolls to be rased and other names to be incerted therein and taken moneys for the same that therefore he be fined five pounds."

"Ordered that no gentleman be from henceforth called to the Barr unless he pay all dutys whatsoever and have a chamber in this house wch wilbe a security for the dutys to come according to former orders of this house."

[1] The buildings thus erected were, after those of Francis Bacon were burnt down, known as Bacon's Buildings. They can be more or less discerned in J. Bowles's view of Gray's Inn published in 1710, and in that of Sutton Nichols published in 1725. If the passage from Chapel Court to Field Court was made open to the air, that from Holborn Court to Field Court was not. As to the former see order of 11th February, 1683-4. The latter was a covered way down to 1905.

PENSION 7th Feb: 1682. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, DENNE, LOVELL, NEVILL, BARRETT, PRICHARD, JEFFERSON, BUCK and WOOGAN.

Thomas Stringer and Francis Atterbury called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Woogan doe present Mr. Dean of Norwich[1] with five guinyes and give him the thanks of the Society for his Sermon at Allhollantyde last at Grays Inn wch money is to be repaied Mr. Woogan by the Treasurer of this Society."

PENSION 12th Feb: 1682. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, LOVELL, NEVILL, PRICHARD, BARRETT, BUCK, HOLT and WOOGAN.

The proprietors of the chambers "in the two staircases on each side of the Bogghouse in Conny Court" are to rebuild them, uniform with "the next new building," and to have fifty-one years' lease.

Mr. Lynn called to the Bar.

Henry Yemes to assist his Maties officer in the collection of hearth-money.

"Ordered that it be reffered to all the gentlemen of the Bench or any three of them to consider of fitt expedients to hinder and obstruct the intended buildings in the Red Lyon Fields and the burning of brick in the fields neer Grays Inn wch is or may be a nusance to this Society or the neighbourhood and to put the said expedients in execucon."

PENSION 4th May, 1683. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, BARRETT and NEVILL.

Wm. Stringer, John Thornicroft, Geo. Munson, Arthur Brainthwaite, and Thomas Bretherton called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the present Treasurer doe at the next Pencon produce the order he insists on for booking of all wine that is spent in the Hall before it be allowed or else that the accompt in that particuler of the last Treasurer be allowed."

[1] The Dean of Norwich at this time was John Sharp, who also held the rectory of St. Giles'-in-the-Fields. He was one of the clergy who opposed the concessions to Rome in James II's reign, and he was in 1691 made Archbishop of York.

PENSION 18th May, 1683. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENN, LOVELL, NEVILL, PRITCHARD, BARRETT, THURBARNE and BUCK.

"Ordered that it be refferred to Sir Edw. Nevill, Mr. Buck and Mr. Wogan or any two of them to enquire what right the Society hath in any seates in St Andrews Church and to take care theire right be preserved in the new intended Church."[1]

"Ordered that Mr. John Wogan be Chappell Reader to this Society in the roome of Mr. Spranger deceased and to have all usuall perquisites nemine contradicente."

A committee appointed to consider the regulation of moots.

Mr. Thomas Brookes and Mr. Evans called to the Bar.

The house of office to be removed and placed between the gardener's house and Mr. Bury's chamber.[2]

PENSION 20th June, 1683. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENN, LOVELL, NEVILL, BARRETT, PRITCHARD, WOGAN and BUCK.

"Ordered that thirty guineas be presented to Mr. Clegate to carry on his charge on commencing D^r^ of Divinitie as a respect from this Society to be payd by the Treasurer."

PENSION 7th Nov: 1683. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, WILLIAMS, LEHUNT, AMHERST, GIFFORD, LOVELL, THURBARNE, WOGAN and BUCK.

Called to the Bar:—John Bennett, Robert Fitzgerrard and Henry Heyman.

"Ordered that Mr. Charles Hancess one of the members of this Society be called to the Barr of grace at the speciall request of Sir George Jeffryes Knt and Bar^t^ Ld Cheife Justice of the Court of Kings Bench presented to this Bench by Wm Williams Esqre."

[1] See former volume, pp. xxi, xxxvii, 161.

[2] *I.e.* from the position behind the middle of the north row of Coney Court, which it occupies in the map contained in this volume, to one behind the eastern end of the said row.

Pension 12th Nov: 1683. Present:—Otway, Williams, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Denn, Lovell, Barrett, Jefferson and Wogan.

"Ordered that no member of this Society or other person whomsoever from henceforth send forth any dishes of meate from the Hall to theire Chambers And, if they shall, ordered that such person or persons pay for such dish or dishes of meate at the rate in the cooks bill."

"Ordered that an Informacon be forthwith exhibited in the Crowne Office against Hind Frith and theire accomplices for setting up brick kilns and burning bricks in Lambs conduit fields to the common nusance of this Society and that Mr. Hastings the yonger be Attorney on the behalfe of this Society to prosecute the same with effect and to defend all accons and other prosecucons whatsoever against any member servant or officer of this Society and that the Trer doe issue out money to him in that behalfe and to reimburse the servants and officers what they have payd or expended concerning the same And that the said attorney doe from tyme to tyme attend Mr. Trer and Mr. Williams for direccon therein."

Pension 16th Nov: 1683. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Williams, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Lovell, Denn, Barrett, Nevill, Pritchard, Buck, Thurbarne, Holt and Jefferson.

Mr. Winder and Mr. Finch called to the Bar.

No person to go into the cellars of this House with any lighted candle, or other lights, unless in a lanthorn, on pain of a fine of ten shillings.

Pension 21st Nov: 1683. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Lovell, Pritchard, Barrett, Buck, Holt and Wogan.

"Ordered that the Treasurer for the tyme being shall have liberty to compound for pencons and castings into comons according to ancient usage."

Pension 26th Nov: 1683. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Nevill, Barrett, Thurbarne, Buck, Jefferson and Wogan.

"Ordered that twelve Prayer Bookes and six Bibles one large Bible for the Chappell Reader be provided by Mr. Amherst Deane of the Chappell."

"Ordered that noe laundress that belongs to any chamber of this Society do presume to lay any dust or ashes in any of the courts of this Society on paine of being expelled from this Society."

Any member refusing to conform himself to the rules for building made by Pension shall forfeit his Chamber.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer be desired to erect a place in the corner neere the Dutchy Office[1] for the laying of all dust and ashes in a readiness for the scavenger to carry away and that the scavenger doe every morning clense the courts from all filth dust and ashes."

Pension 25th Jan: 1683. Present:—Williams, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell, Pritchard, Buck, Holt and Wogan.

Henry Yemes, at present third butler, to be admitted chief butler.

"Ordered that for the use of the engine and to the engineer and the persons imployed by him in the mannagement of the engine of St Andrew Holbourne the sum̃e of fower pounds be paid by ye Trẽr of this Society and to the engineer and for the use of the engine of St Dunstans the sum̃e of three pounds and to St Pulchers engineer for theire respective service in ye late fire that happened in this Society ye sum̃e of forty shillings And that Mr. Trẽr doe pay to each of the Ensurers men the sum̃e of tenne shillings and to the leader or cheife of them twenty shillings And the sum̃e of five pounds to the engineers and soldiers brought or sent by the Earle of Craven."

"Ordered that the thanks of this Society be returned to the

[1] *I.e.*, in the courtyard on the south of the Chapel. See map.

Right Honble ye Lord Craven[1] for his care and paines in ye late fire in Chappell Court."

"Ordered that the Trẽar doe provide a good fier engine and twenty hand engines and sixty bucketts and fire hookes and ladders for the use of this Society in time of fire."[2]

Pension 8th Feb., 1683. Present:—Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Denn, Lovell, Pritchard, Thurbarne, Buck and Wogan.

"Ordered on the peticon of the Antient Barristers ye other Barristers and Students of this Society and for the reasons therein, that a coach way be made and continued into Coney Court att the end of ye Chappell long gallery next the late ruine and y^t^ the intermediate old timber buildings next to the ruines and joyning to the new buildings in Coney Court and likewise the old and decayed buildings in the said Court and the building joyning to the Hall be forthwith rebuilt with brick else be excluded of all benefitt of renewall and alsoe y^t^ all ye proprietors of the severall chambers in ye long gallery in Chapel Court doe attend and shew cause the first pencon in the next terme why the said building and gallery should not be pulled down and demolished and in the roome thereof a Chappell built and erected for the service of God and the honour of this Society."[3]

[1] Lord Craven was Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex and Colonel of the Coldstream Guards.

[2] Luttrell writing in January says: "The 6th about 6 in the morning broke out a fire in Graies Inn in Chappell Court in the chamber of one Sir John Bowles: it burnt very furiously being so dry a season that no water was to be had in a long while: it consumed two or three whole staircases; but at last by blowing up and the engines it was happily extinguished. There were three persons killed at it, and three or four gentlemen of the house had all their goods and books burnt." The chamber of Sir John Bowles was up the second pair of stairs in Bacon's Buildings. The House Library and the chamber which had been Bacon's Reader's Chamber were on the floor below. As an order of the following February shows, the original Bacon's Buildings were destroyed and the new "Library staircase" erected on the site in such wise as to leave a greater width to the passage running along its southern wall. It is quite possible that in this fire the older records of the Society, used by Dugdale and Segar, perished, though, if so, it is remarkable that the manuscript of the Pension Book for the years 1569-1666 survived. Some, at least, of the printed books at this time belonging to the Library were saved.

[3] No new chapel was built.

Pension 11th Feb: 1683. Present:—The above.

John Cotton called to the Bar, though wanting in time seven terms, at the special request of the Right Hon. Sir Thomas Jones, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

"Ordered that this Penc̃on be adjourned to seaven of the clock tomorrow night being the last day of this terme."

The passage between Chapel Court and Field Court to be made eleven feet wide. "All the rest of the ground between it and Mr. Clarkes new building in Coney Court as well what is burnt downe as what is standing and unburnt shall forthwith be new built into fower stairecases[1] and every stairecase to abate equally to the proporc̃on of enlarging ye passage." The building is to be substantially done "with partye walls above ye Tyle for defence against fyre." Those admitted to join in the building to have a term of fifty-one years in their chambers paying for a ground chamber 40^s^, one pair of stairs 50^s^, two pair of stairs 30^s^, three pair 20^s^. Their contributions to the building are to be for ground chambers £115 each, one pair of stairs £125 each, two pair of stairs £100, and three pair £75. Part of the buildings are to be for the use, and at the charge, of the House.[2]

Pension 25th April, 1684. Present:—Otway, Williams, Gifford, Denne, Pritchard, Holt and Buck.

"Ordered that the pales and wall on the north side of the Long Gallery in Coney Court[3] being an incrochment be pulled down and all those gardens and incrochments be laid open to Coney Court and the trees y^t^ now stand within the pales be cutt down and the Treasurer to see this done forthwith."

[1] At a Pension on 8th April, 1684, it was ordered that there should be but three staircases.

[2] *I.e.*, the Library, on the first floor. See accounts for 1684, 1685 and 1686, in Appendix I.

[3] By the "Long Gallery" is meant the row of buildings formerly called the Upper Gallery. See map.

Pension 30th April, 1684. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Lovell, Pritchard and Buck.

Mr. Minshall and Mr. Richard Helder called to the Bar.

"Ordered that a compensation shall be made to such gent: as will insist upon itt for theire respective interests in the Gallery in Chappell Court to be setled by the Bench before they be pulled down and this order to be screened in the Hall tomorrow noone."

Pension 2nd May, 1684. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell, Pritchard, Buck, Holt and Wogan.

Ordered that Mr. John Smith,[1] though "he wants some small time," be called to the Bar at the request of Chief Baron Mountague.

Pension 5th May, 1684. Present:—Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Lovell, Pritchard, Buck and Wogan.

"Ordered that soe much of the Long Stone Gallery as is in the House or that the Trẽar can compound or agree with the proprietors for bee forthwith pulled downe, beginning at the west end of the said Gallery."

Pension, 30th May, 1684. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Pritchard, Buck and Wogan.

"Ordered that the stairecase late the Library stairecase be made a gracefull staires without flying staires and Mr. Edge the builder is to be served with this order and is to observe itt accordingly."

Mr. John Rayner called to the Bar.

Pension 2nd June, 1684. Present:—The above and others.

"Ordered that the Information brought against Firth and other persons for comitting a nusance touching brick kilns and by burning

[1] John Smith, though never a Bencher, was made a Serjeant in 1700 and in 1702 a Baron of the Exchequer.

bricks neare to the inconveniency of this Society and the inhabitants neare Grayes Inne and to the King's high way be brought to tryall this terme and y^t^ Mr. Hastings be desired to give notice of a tryall accordingly and y^t^ he and some gent: of this Society be desired to inquire for and some of the officers be ordered to summon witnesses to give evidence of the nusance."

Edward Parker called to the Bar.

PENSION 6th June, 1684. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD, BUCK and WOGAN.

"Ordered that noe gentlemen of this Society shall be called to ye Barr and Sworne but upon the last Pencon night but one in every terme for the future."

The second cook's salary to be made up to £10 a year.

No commons to be sent to any Ancient, Barrister or Student to any other place than the Hall.

PENSION 16th June, 1684. Present:—OTWAY, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENNE, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE, BUCK and BLACKSTON.

Called to the Bar:—Elliston Barrington, Richard Amson, Henry Keddington, Robert Otterbourne and Edmund Jones.

PENSION 29th Oct., 1684. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, LEHUNT, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD and HOLT.

"Ordered that Mr. Trear doe pay 100^ll^ to Mr. Edge ye Builder towards the building of the Library."

PENSION 7th Nov: 1684. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENNE, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE and WOGAN.

Lease granted to Henry Bradley, watchmaker, for a shop at the north end of Holborn Gate.

"Ordered that an account be given of the particular charges y^t^

hath been expended in the contest with Dr. Barebon touching the building of Red Lyon Fields"[1] and that then "more money be issued out of the Treasury to carry on the severall suites with him."

PENSION 21st Nov: 1684. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, DENNE, PRITCHARD, BUCK and WOGAN.

"Ordered that the antient order of this House vizt that all executors adm^rs or assignes of gentlemen who have chambers in the house doe within one yeare by order of Penc̃on assigne over their chambers to a gent: of the Society that thereby ye Society may receive ye rents and dutyes belonging to the house and know theire tennant [be enforced] And the servants of the house are required to give notice to the Penc̃on of any such assignment."

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer doe forthwith pay thirty pounds to Mr. Hastings to defray the charges of three tryalls[2] goeing on against Barebone wch are to be tryed on Wednsday next, he and the other Sollicitor haveing already given an account of the moneys already disburst."

Mr. Vertue Radford having produced a *bene decessit* from the Treasurer of the Middle Temple is permitted to count the time since his admission to the Middle Temple in respect of his call here.

PENSION 28th Nov: 1684. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, LEHUNT, AMHERST, DENNE, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE, BUCK, HOLT and WOGAN.

A committee appointed to treat with the proprietors of chambers

[1] The said contest had been carried on in more ways than one. Luttrell says that in June there was a fight with brickbats between the workmen and the students of the Inn. In July the Grand Jury made a presentment, which was brought before His Majesty in Council, to the effect that Barebone was stopping highways, choking up the air upon Gray's Inn, annoying all the buildings in Bloomsbury, and damaging the King's private way through Finsbury Fields to Newmarket (see Douthwaite, p. 107 *sq.*). The Attorney-General was directed by the Council to take what legal measures might seem good to prevent the building. Nicholas Barebone himself was a remarkable man; a Doctor of Medicine of Utrecht and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, he was also one of the pioneers of the science of Political Economy, and, not content to be only a theorist, he founded one of the first land-banks and the first Fire Insurance Company. In 1690 he was in Parliament.

[2] The results of these trials are not recorded in any of the Gray's Inn MSS.

in the Long Gallery and report at the next Pension. In the meantime the demolition of the said gallery to be stopped.

Mr. Newdigate is permitted assign his chamber "one paire of staires in the Library staircase" to Mr. Hutchings.[1]

Pension 23rd Jan., 1684. Present:—Williams, Amherst, Rotheram, Buck, Holt and Wogan.

"Ordered that there be henceforth an Under Treasurer for this Society and that Mr. Clare be the present Under Treasurer."

Pension 26th Jan., 1684. Present:—The above and Gifford, Denne, Lovell and Pritchard.

"Ordered that Mr. Rotheram be Treasurer for the yeare ensueing beginning from the end of this terme and that the present Trẽar deliver his account att ye first Wednesday after terme between the houres of two and three att the Penc̃on chamber."

The Steward to have £20 paid him "in respect of the present dearth of provision."

All Benchers, Ancients, Barristers and Students having chambers or being resident in the house, or *visi in villa* in term time, are to be in commons, or cast in commons, for a fortnight of each term.

A committee appointed to consider and report as to the best method of performing exercises.

Pension 9th Feb: 1684. Present:—Williams, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell, Pritchard, Buck and Wogan.

Richard Tonson to have a lease of his shop under the old gate.

"Ordered that noe gent: of this Society whilst in coñons shall in coñons time appeare in the Hall without their gowns and that all members of this Society shall behave themselves decently according to the antient orders of this House upon this penalty that each

[1] George Hutchings, though never a Bencher, was made Serjeant in 1686 and King's Serjeant in 1689. In 1690 he was one of the Commissioners of the Great Seal. He died in 1705.

person offending therein shall be cast into commons for one weeke extraordinary for every default therein and that this order be screened."

The proprietors of chambers in Howland's, Cage's, Goodrick's and Downes' Buildings are to proceed within six weeks to rebuild them, or their chambers are to be seized.

Richard Lloyd and John Lone called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1684. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE, BUCK and WOGAN.

Mr. Courtopp put out of commons for his misdemeanor in the Hall.

Sir Charles Crofts Read "a Knight of an ample estate and haveing been long a member of this Society, declareing he doth [not?] intend the practice of the law but to receive the honour of the Barr," to be called to the Bar of grace.

Mr. Robert Constable and Mr. Walcott called to the Bar.

PENSION 22nd May, 1685. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE, BUCK and WOGAN.

A committee appointed to attend the Lord Chief Justice "to know what award his Ld^{spp} hath or will make" in Dr. Barebone's business, "Barebone proceeding vigorously in building, the Society not opposing itt in regard it is under his Ld^{spps} consideracon."[1]

PENSION 27th May, 1685. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD, BUCK, HOLT and WOGAN.

"Ordered that the residue of the demolished Long Gallery between Coney Court and Chappell Court be pulled down."

"Ordered at the request of the Ld Cheife Justice Jefferys and Mr. Speaker of the house of Comons that Mr. Theoph: Eyton who hath performed all his exercises butt wants 5 termes comons be called to

[1] Note the item in the accounts for this year, showing that Jeffreys was entertained at Williams' chamber.

the Barr of grace the last day of this terme he takeing ye Sacrament in ye meanwhile and paying all his dutyes to the Preacher and other dutyes to ye house if any be due."

Pension 26th June, 1685. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell, Pritchard and Thurbarne.

Mr. Wellington "who hath been admitted of Lincolns Inne about 12 yeares" and is "desirous to be of this Society" is to be admitted gratis, entering into the usual bond.

£20 to be paid the Steward "in respect of ye excessive deare rates of all sorts of provisions."

Pension 7th July, 1685. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Gifford, Rotherham, Pritchard, Buck and Thurbarne.

Called to the Bar:—Henry Place, James Bird, Thomas Bendlowes, Robert Franke and George Pully.

Pension 13th Nov: 1685. Present:—Otway, Amherst, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Richard Acton, John Hatfeild and Henry Ashley.

Pension 18th Nov: 1685. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Gifford, Rotheram, Denne, Lovell, Pritchard, Thurbarne and Buck.

Called to the Bar:—Richard Lloyd, Thomas Howgrave and John Walmesley.

A committee appointed to treat with the proprietors in respect of the rebuilding of certain chambers in Coney Court next Gray's Inn Lane and the levelling of that Court.

"Ordered that noe gent: doe make any alteracon or addition to his own chamber without leave first had from ye Pencon to prevent the breaking ye uniformity of the building or weakening the same."

PENSION 27th Nov: 1685. Present:—OTWAY, LEHUNT, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERAM, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, BUCK, WOGAN and HOLT.

John Baggs to be called to the Bar.

The committee appointed on the 18th inst. having reported, it is now ordered that the ruinous chambers "from the new building to the end of the Chappell Gallery" be pulled down, that "the ground be all throwne into hotch-potch and equally divided," that four staircases be built and "that such persons as have ye greatest intrests and will build, be builders." A committee appointed to settle details and adjust differences between those concerned in the building.

PENSION 25th Jan: 1685. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERAM, DENNE, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, BUCK, HOLT and WOGAN.

"Ordered that Mr. Rotheram continue Treasurer for the yeare ensueing and y^t^ he bring in his acc^ts^ ye Fryday next after the terme and y^t^ Mr. Williams Mr. Amherst Mr. Gifford Mr. Lovell and Mr. Buck be appointed auditors to take ye acc^ts^."

PENSION 29th Jan., 1685. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, ROTHERHAM, LOVELL, BUCK, HOLT and WOGAN.

Richard Hoblin, John Stanhope, Thomas Aldersey, John Thornicraft, Warner South, Mark Shaftoe, Chr: Temple, Sir Robt. Legard, Thomas Alured, Henry Mildmay, Henry Shelly, William Davison, Charles Pigeon, Robert Hollis, George Prickett, Ralph Cooke, William Rawlinson,[1] John Matthews and Edward Barry are "summoned to attend att ye next pencon to accept theire call to the Bench in order to Read in theire turnes."

[1] William Rawlinson did not accept the call. During the year he was made a Serjeant. In 1688 he was one of the Commissioners of the Great Seal and received a knighthood. In 1692-3, however, he and Sir George Hutchings were dismissed from their Commissionerships. Rawlinson was subsequently appointed Lord Chief Baron. He died in 1703.

Called to be Ancients:—Spencer Wm., Fowlkes Martin, Bretland Reginald, Wynne Robt., Bright Jno., England Geo., Dawson Sir Wm., Pepper Chr:, Cotchett Thos., Moreland Geo., Lightbone James, Elletson Roger, Nutt Wm., Charlton Thos., Lambton Henry, Burgh Thos., Low Jno., Bynn Jno., Newdigate Robt., Clarke Sam., Markham Robt., Wright Jno., Halford Henry, Boyse Jeff:, Hardres Thursby, Wilsby Wm., Dalston Thos.

Pension 5th Feb: 1685. Present:—The above and Gifford.

Mr. South and Mr. Cooke to be called to the Bench paying caution money and all duties.

The report of a Committee as to details in regard to the rebuilding of the staircases in Holborn Court (ordered on Feb. 9th, 1684, to be pulled down and rebuilt), with their valuation of the several interests concerned, is adopted.

Pension 3rd May, 1686. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell, Pritchard, Buck and Wogan.

Mr. John Mathewes, Mr. Warner South, Mr. Charles Pigeon and Mr. Ralph Cooke having accepted their call to the Bench and paid their fine are to have a vote in Pension.

Mr. Chr: Temple and Mr. Geo: Prickett[1] to be admitted to the Bench, paying their fine.

Pension 5th May, 1686. Present:—Gifford, Williams, Rotherham, Pritchard, Thurbarne, Buck, Wogan, South, Pigeon and Prickett.

Called to the Bar:—John Fenwicke, Roger Fenwicke, Roger Stedall, Thomas Gunter, Vertue Radford and Maurice Kendall.

Edmund Coply, though he has not kept his full time, is called to the Bar at the request of Mr. Justice Withens and others of the Judges.

[1] George Prickett never acquired his vote in Pension. He was made a Serjeant in 1692.

Pension 10th May, 1686. Present:—Gifford, Rotherham, Lovell, Pritchard, Buck, Wogan, South, Temple and Pigeon.

"Ordered that according to the antient rules of this Society that noe student doe presume to sitt att the Barr table butt when there is a want of Barristers in comons or in the hall."

"Ordered that the door keeper of the Ladys Gallery[1] doe not admit any person in untill ye Ladys of the Judges Serjts Benchers and Dr be first seated and then that due prefference [be shown] to gentlemen of the Societys Ladys before any other soe farr as the roome without crouding will permitt And yt this order be sett on the gallery door."

"Ordered that noe person shall move upon or against any order or orders of Pencon without produceing a coppy of such order or orders and that this order be screened."

Pension 7th June, 1686. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Amherst, Gifford, Rotheram, Lovell, Pritchard, South, Temple and Pigeon.

Mr. Robert Hollis called to the Bench and to have a vote in Pension.

Pension 11th June, 1686. Present:—Otway, Williams, Amherst, Gifford, Rotheram, Denne, Lovell, Pritchard, South, Temple, Davison and Pigeon.

Mr. William Davison called to the Bench and to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that Mr. Trear doe forthwith pay unto Dr. Clegatt the sume of fifty pounds in part of the arrears due to him, there being fiftie pounds and upwards in the hands of this house due to the said Dr. for chambers in the hands of the house, unless cause be shewn at the next Pencon."

Called to the Bar:—Francis Lloyd, Robt. Barker and Nicholas Starkey.

[1] *I.e.*, in the Chapel.

"Ordered att the request of Mr. Rotheram the present Trẽar that he be discharged of the office of Trẽar from and after Thursday seven night after this terme . . . and that Sir Wm. Scroggs the Kings Councell learned in the law be from thenceforth Trẽar."

PENSION 21st June, 1686. Present:—OTWAY, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERAM, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON and MATHEWES.

"Ordered that the Trẽar pay soe much as he shall think fitt of Mr. Edges bill for building the Library."

Called to the Bar:—Charles Marsden and Harry Manaton.

Called to the Bar of grace:—John Hastings.

PENSION 3rd Nov: 1686. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, LOVELL, SOUTH, TEMPLE and COOKE.

"Ordered y^t Sir Richard Allebone[1] one of his Maties Councell att Law haveing accepted his call to the Bench and paid one hundred markes as a caution for his Reading have a vote in Penc̃on."

PENSION 11th Nov: 1686. Present:—SCROGGS, ALLIBONE, WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, LOVELL, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON and MATHEWES.

"Our Sovereigne Lord the King haveing gratiously recom̃ended to this Society the calling to the Barr of these gentlemen viz: Mr. Ed. Bedingfeild, Mr. Geo. Errington, Mr. Rich. Pennington, Mr. John Walpoole, Mr. Wm. Guise and Mr. Ed. Sherlock and his Maties recom̃endation being signifyed to this Society by the Ld High Cancelour of England Ordered the said gent. be called to the Barr paying their dutyes."[2]

[1] Luttrell says (26th Nov., 1686): "Richard Alibon of Grayes Inn Esqre a Roman Catholick received the honour of Knighthood and was made of his majesties council at law." In April, 1687, Alibone was made a Justice of the King's Bench. He died in 1688. The name is frequently in the MS. spelt Allebond.

[2] Luttrell says (November, 1686): "Orders have been sent to the Inns of Court for calling several Roman catholicks to the barr; and accordingly 6 have been called at Graies Inn, 2 at Lincolns Inn and one of the Inner House."

PENSION 19th Nov: 1686. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, ALLIBONE, AMHERST, DENNE, LOVELL, BUCK, WOGAN, SOUTH and TEMPLE.

"Ordered that the surviveing Trustees of the Society doe convey to Sir Wm. Scroggs Sir Richard Allibone and such other of the Bench as shall be nominated and y^{t} Mr. Lovell being desired may prepare a conveyance for ye same."

George Flack called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th Jan., 1686. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, DENNE, LOVELL, BUCK, WOGAN, SOUTH, TEMPLE and COOKE.

"Ordered that there be paid to ye Captn of the Insurance men five and twenty shillings and to each of his followers 10^{s} each the number to be examined by Mr. Trẽar assisted by the Benchers who were present at ye fire[1] or any two of them To the engine in Holbourne Court wch continued last 4^{ll} And for the other ingine in Holbourne Court 3^{ll} For the two ingines in Grayes Inne Lane 40^{s} a peice To the gent. of his Maties guards who attended my Lord Craven five pound and what more Mr. Trẽar pleases not exceeding tenn pound."

"Ordered that the thanks of this house be returned to the Right Hono^{ble} the Earle of Craven and y^{t} my Lord be attended by Mr. Williams and Mr. Buck, Mr. Wogan, Mr. South and Mr. Pigeon."

"Ordered that Mr. Ady Sir John Bolls and Mr. Rowney respectively attend to give an account of the severall late three fires begun in their respective Chambers and y^{t} they attend at ye next Penc̃on."

[1] Luttrell says (21st Jan., 1686-7): "About one in the morning broke out a fire in Graies Inn which burnt till 6, and in that time consumed about five staircases." In the "Ellis Correspondence," vol. i, p. 231, it is mentioned that the fire "destroyed most of the paper buildings that remained; several records are also lost or burnt, or blown up, particularly those of the Fyne Office" (see Douthwaite, pp. 99, 244). The "Fyne Office" was what is called in these records the "Pipe Office." The buildings destroyed were those on the east side of Holborn Court. Any records destroyed in this fire would not have been those of the Society; the latter were never kept in this part of the Inn until the nineteenth century.

Pension 28th Jan: 1686. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Lovell, Pritchard, Cooke, Buck, South, Temple and Pigeon.

Such of the proprietors of the burnt buildings as intend to rebuild are to attend with proposals at next Friday's Pension.

A committee appointed "to viewe treat and report concerning the ground of this House extending from Grayes Inne to Kings Gate in Grayes Inn Lane and for erecting buildings thereupon."

"Ordered that it be refferred to Mr. Williams, Mr. Pritchard, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Buck, Mr. Wogan and Mr. Pigeon or any three of them to examine where the late unhappy fire began and to report the same."[1]

Pension 7th Feb: 1686. Present:—The above and Williams, Amherst, Gifford and Matthew.

Thomas Napleton to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Rowney doe attend the next penc̃on and give the Society sattisfaction for the damage done ye said Society by the late fire that begun in his chamber."

The like order for Mr. Ady and Sir John Bolls.

[1] Some of the proceedings of the Committee were noted down and survive. Mr. Rowney's clerk deposed that he put out the fire in the chimney-place between six and seven o'clock, and stayed till after nine o'clock in his master's chambers, that he extinguished the candle and locked the door when he left, and that his belief was that "the late fire happening in Grays Inn on the masquerade night . . . could not in anywise beginn in his said master's chamber." On the other hand one Franklyn deposed that on the day after the fire he had "heard Mr. Rowney's man say he beleived there was a lighted candle left upon the mantle peice of the chimney there"; a waterman deposed that, being employed to "guard the hall dore, att the masquerade upon Friday 21 Jany last a quarter after one of clock in ye morning he had an alarm of fire and that he found the fire breaking out of the tops of the windows one pair of stairs in the nooke of building over the pales or spikes in Holborne Court." He and the porter broke open the door of Mr. Rowney's chamber, and the fire then "burst out upon them." He found no fire in the chambers above or below at that time. The porter deposed to the same effect. "William Ocus of the 'Pindar of Wakefield' in Grey's Inne lane," "Richard Davies hatter att the signe of the 'Hatt and Feathers' in Grey's Inne lane" and others gave evidence as to seeing the fire break from Mr. Rowney's chamber, and as to its not originating in any other chamber. The "nooke of building" may easily be identified on the map given in this volume.

A committee to "attend Mr. Serjt Skipwith and desire him to use his intrest with the Lady Brownlow to procure a lease from her of certaine grounds neare Grayes Inne Walkes called the Lady Brownlows Feilds for this Society."

Pension 9th Feb: 1686. Present:—Allebone, Rotherham, Buck, Wogan, South, Temple, Cooke, Pigeon and Mathew.

"Our Sovgne Lord the King being graciously pleased to recomend to this Society the calling to the Barr of Mr. James Archbold and Mr. Thomas Jenkins gent: of this Society Ordered that the said gent: be called to the Barr paying the house duties."

A committee appointed to attend to the questions concerning Mr. Rowney, Mr. Ady and Sir John Bolls arising out of the recent fires.

Pension 11th Feb: 1686. Present:—Scroggs, Amherst, Pritchard, Thurbarne, Wogan, South, Temple, Cooke and Pigeon.

Three Benchers added to the committee appointed at the last Pension and the committee is to "consider of a modell and terme of building of what was destroyed by the late fire in Holbourne Court."

The watchmen who have watched since the late fire to be paid £6 7*s.* 0*d.*

"Ordered that this Pencon be adjourned and it is adjourned to Munday the 14th instant at seaven of the clock at night."

Pension 14th Feb: 1686. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Thurbarne, Wogan, South, Temple and Pigeon.

"Ordered that Mr. Alderman Nicolls have liberty to search in the ruines under Mr. Cropleys chamber for money supposed to be lost in the rubbish there soe as the same be done in the presence of the Steward and Parry or one of them and the money or treasure found there be brought to be secured with the Trear of this house."

"Ordered that this penc̃on be adjourned and it is adjourned to Fryday next at six of the clock in the evening."[1]

PENSION 29th April, 1687. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD, BUCK, WOGAN, SOUTH, COOKE, PIGEON, and MATHEW.

George Barrett and Chr: Musgrave called to the Bar.

PENSION 4th May, 1687. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, ROTHERHAM, BUCK, WOGAN, SOUTH, TEMPLE, COOKE, PIGEON and MATHEW.

"Itt is ordered upon the petition of Mrs. Eliz: Bacon Mr. Waller[2] Bacon and Mr. Thomas Witherly that the said Tho. Witherly have leave to assigne his chamber three paire of staires high in the late new building next the kitchen called Bacons Building[3] to Mr. Jos. Ayloffe."

Called to the Bar:—Henry Cadogan, John Launder, William Turner and Thomas Freere.

"Itt is ordered that the void ground between the Chappell and Grayes Inn Lane togeather with 21 foot of ground next adjacent to it towards Holbourne Court and in length to Grayes Inne Lane and a convenient passage out of the ground next adjacent to the voyd ground towards Coney Court be left unbuilt and to continue soe for ye benefitt of the Chappell and for a passage between Holbourne Court and Coney Court and that the respective proprietors of that void ground shall have sufficient and ample recompence for theire intrest therein to be made and assigned forthwith by this Society."

"Ordered that the respective proprietors in the residue of the

[1] The Pension met only to adjourn again to the following Thursday, but the only business then entered was concerned with the renewal of a chamber-lease.

[2] "Waller," not "Walter," is consistently written in all the Gray's Inn MSS., though "Walter" appears in a reference to him in the Annual Register of 1714. He was, perhaps, named after the Parliamentary General.

[3] This was not Francis Bacon's Building, nor on the site of it. It had been erected in 1682-3 in place of Grimston's Buildings by Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon, and was otherwise known later on as 15, Coney Court.

building destroyed by the fire in Holbourne Court in Jany 1686 doe forthwith proceed in the building of the respective chambers in the said building . . . and they are to have fower foot in breadth added to theire old foundacons towards Holbourne Court begining in length from the end of the late gallery next the Pipe office to Higgons buildings." A committee appointed to arbitrate in all differences.

PENSION 1st June, 1687. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE, WOGAN, SOUTH and COOKE.

All non-members of the Society who have an interest in chambers are to assign by the first Pension of Michaelmas terme.

Joseph Ayloffe called to the Bar.

The ground for the new buildings in Holborn Court to be forthwith staked out and the builders to proceed.

PENSION 6th June, 1687. Present:—ROTHERHAM, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE and MATHEW.

Ephraim Nelson called to the Bar.

The proprietors of the Buildings in Coney Court next Gray's Inn Lane are to pay the Surveyor of those buildings fifteen shillings by the square for his services.

PENSION 10th June, 1687. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, AMHERST, GIFFORD, LOVELL, PRITCHARD, THURBARNE, TEMPLE, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE and DAVISON.

Mr. Everrard called to the Bar.

"Whereas Phillip Moore present gardiner to this Society for many yeares last past hath greatly neglected his duty and service of his said place to the dishonour and damage of the said house tho' often admonished to reforme," he is discharged and Robert Clough appointed in his place.

Pension 15th June, 1687. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Williams, Amherst, Rotherham, Pritchard, Wogan, South, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke and Mathew.

Mr. Warren called to the Bench and to have a vote in Pension.

Mr. Rich and Mr. Lightbone who sustained damage to their chambers in Denny's Buildings by the late fire are granted advantageous terms in chambers.

Pension 31st Oct: 1687. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Williams, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, South, Temple and Pigeon.

A committee appointed "to attend Sir Chr^r Wren from time to time concerning the last order made by the Lord High Chancellor in the matters in difference betweene this Society and Mr. Skipwith, Mr. Rich, Mr. Metcalfe and others."

Pension 11th Nov: 1687. Present:—Lehunt, Rotherham, Pritchard, Wogan, South, Temple and Cooke.

William Peer Williams called to the Bar.

Pension 16th Nov: 1687. Present:—Otway, Lehunt, Amherst, Rotherham, Pritchard, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

"Ordered that as an acknowledgment of the great good offices and kindnesses that Robert Brent Esqre hath done for this Society" his son Falcatius Brent be admitted to the Society gratis.

Called to be Ancients:—Bodingham Phil., Gifford Tho., Dade Wm., Owen Tho., Thacker Godf., Caley Cornel., Wharton And., Manesty Sam., Ellis Peter, Powell Ch., Kenrick Ch., Hardres Tho., Hardres Jam., Ling Tho., Dade Tho., Dover Jno, Basire Isaac, Cox Jno, Lamount Al., Clyatt Sam., Starkey Sam., Scrimshire W., Bard Nath., Burdett Ed., Hoskins Jno, Smith Ed., Twisleton Geo., Ireton Ger., Mort Tho., Freere Tho., Howe Tho., Moses Wm., Rowney

Wm., Vane Geo., Attkinson Ed., Gibbs Mar., Edwards Tho., Nesbitt Phil., Sheppard Ch.

"Ordered that the gate in the passage in Feild Court be removed to its old place next the stepps."

William Marriott called to the Bar.

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1687. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, LEHUNT, GIFFORD, PRICHARD, WOGAN, TEMPLE, PIGEON and COOKE.

£22 to be paid to Mr. Spurr in respect of the cause of this Society against Skipwith, Metcalfe and others.

Pallasadoe pales to be erected before all the new buildings in Coney Court and Chapel Court by the respective proprietors.

PENSION 25th Nov: 1687. Present:—OTWAY, PRITCHARD, BUCK, WOGAN, SMITH, TEMPLE, PIGEON and COOKE.

Radcliffe Scofield called to the Bar.

The Pension adjourned "untill eight of the clock on Munday night next."

PENSION 28th Nov: 1687. Present:—SCROGGS, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD, BUCK, THURBARNE, SOUTH, PIGEON and COOKE.

Rents settled for the "new buildings in Chappell Court next Grayes Inn Lane."

		£	s.	d.
On the 1st staircase from the gate and the middle staircase	The ground floor	1	6	8
	The first story	1	13	4
	The second story	1	6	8
	The third story	1	0	0
On the 3rd staircase (the chambers being less)	The ground floor	1	5	0
	The first story	1	10	0
	The second story	1	5	0
	The third story	0	15	0

PENSION 1st Feb: 1687. Present:—WILLIAMS, SCROGGS, LOVELL, WOOGAN, SOUTH, TEMPLE and COOKE.

"Ordered that all the remainder of the old buildings from the end of the new building against Grayes Inn Lane be pulled down to the Chappell and rebuilt."

Pension 6th Feb: 1687. Present:—Williams, Scroggs, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Denn, Lovell, Pritchard, Wogan, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

Mr. Newton to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the buildings in Coney Court be pulled down to the Chappell within a month after this terme and to be rebuilt according to the building in Coney Court towards Grayes Inne Lane by the proprietors."

"Ordered that no hackney coaches be admitted into Holbourne Court Chappell Court or Feild Court or any place in Grayes Inne."

"In consideracon Dr. Clench at the request of the Society advised as physician to Mr. Wilcox" it is referred to Mr. Treasurer to admit one or both of Dr. Clench's sons *gratis*.

Pension 10th Feb: 1687. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Amherst, Pritchard, Wogan, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

Harcourt Goodrick called to the Bar at the request of Mr. Justice Lutwich.

"Ordered that Mr. Sollicitor Sr John Otway Mr. Trear and as many as shall think fitt be desired to attend the Judges in answere to their letter to Mr. Trear."

The old gatehouse and buildings "between the new building on the east side of Coney Court and the Chappell" to be pulled down and rebuilt.

Pension 7th May, 1688. Present:—The above and Gifford, Rotherham, Denne, Lovell and Buck.

"Ordered that the arrears due to Dr. Cleagate late Preacher to this Hono^ble^ Society be paid to Mr. Cleagate his brother who is administrator dureing the minority of his children."

A committee appointed to consider the Lord Chancellor's proposals and to treat with Mr. Skipwith; also "to treat with Dr. Barebone and manage the affaire of the division of Conduit Feild for the accomodacon and benefitt of the Society."

"Ordered unanimously that Mr. Wm. Wake[1] be and is hereby declared and established Preacher to this Society to performe supply or provide for the preaching of forenoons and afternoons sermon as custome or occasion shall require and that there be allowed to him the yearly stipend of 200ll to be paid by 50ll a term and that in order thereto the roll for that purpose be duely collected and paid."

Pension 11th May, 1688. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Lehunt, Amherst, Rotherham, Pritchard, Buck, Wogan, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

Mr. Thomas Burgh has liberty to assign his ground chamber in the middle staircase of Coney Court next the Walks to Mr. Wm. Wake the Preacher.[2]

"Ordered that the Lord Chancellors proposealls touching the forme of Mr. Skipwiths Building in Gravell Pitt Feild be humbly accepted by this Society."

Pension 14th May, 1688. Present:—Williams, Scroggs, Lehunt, Amherst, Gifford, Rotherham, Pritchard, South, Temple and Pigeon.

Ordered upon the report of the Committee appointed "that the lease of the house and garden lately let to the Earle of Warwick doe run out and come into the hands of the house to prevent building about this Society concerneing wch this Society hath had great contests and been at much trouble and charge. Ordered further that the ground way and passage without the wall on the west side of

[1] William Wake was born in 1656-7 at Blandford in Dorsetshire. He had been educated at Christchurch, and was in 1689 made a Canon thereof. He had already attracted attention by his "Exposition of the Doctrine of the Church of England." In 1701 he was made Dean of Exeter, in 1705 Bishop of Lincoln, and in 1716 Archbishop of Canterbury. He died in 1737. For a further account of him—and especially of his part in an interesting, but not very hopeful, scheme—see Dr. Lupton's dissertation, "Archbishop Wake and the Project of Union between the Gallican and Anglican Churches."

[2] Wake assigned his interest in this chamber (at No. 3 in Gray's Inn Square) in June, 1689. In the meanwhile he had married.

Grayes Inn Walkes be opened for carts and carriages to pass there for the repaireacon of the said wall and other occasions of this Society."

PENSION 21st May, 1688. Present:—OTWAY, SCROGGS, LEHUNT, AMHERST, ROTHERHAM, PRITCHARD, WOGAN, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON and COOKE.

Mr. John Alleyn to be called to the Bar.

Dr. Clench's two sons to be admitted gratis.

"In pursuance of the Lord High Chancellor of England's pleasure declared in an order of the 7th of March last made upon the peticon of the said Society against Mr. Skipwith and his tenants His Lordshipp vouchsafed to come upon the tarras walke of Grayes Inne and from thence to take a view of Gravell Pitt Feild lying northward thereof belonging to the said Mr. Skipwith and to propose that the said Mr. Skipwith and his assignes should have liberty to erect two ranges of buildings each of them to consist of 15 houses at the east end of the said feild vizt the one to front eastward upon Grayes Inn Lane and the other to front westward upon the said feild and both the said ranges of buildings with the gardens or yards to the same belonging at the south end thereof next to and parralell with the Kings way to conteyn in the whole depth one hundred foot And the said range of building fronting westward to goe in a direct line and be continued northward so as to make an angle at the north end with the other building And that in liew of such allowance and liberty of building the said Mr. Skippwith his tennants and assignes should leave the residue of the said feild oppen with a pallasadoe pale extending the whole length thereof next to the Kings said way south And that they should agree and be bound by decree and other legall meanes not to erect any sort of structure or building elsewhere upon the said feild Itt is ordered that the said proposeall made by his Lordshipp touching the forme of Mr. Skipwiths building in Gravell Pitt Feild aforesaid be humbly excepted by this Society and that Mr. Sollicitor Gen^ll Sir John Otway Sir Wm. Scroggs and such others of the Bench as they shall think fitt doe accompany them to attend the Ld Chancellor and to signifie the same to his Lõpp and

to returne the humble thanks of this Society to his Lõpp for the same."

"The appeale of Mr. Dyose to the Hono^ble^ the Judges haveing been fully heard and by them over-ruled and the demands on the part of and in behalfe of the Society before them appeareing to be just", it is ordered that Mr. Dyose pay his arrears of rent and other debts and duties before the first Pension of next term.

The same in the case of Mr. Holford and Mr. Chetham.

Pension 15th June, 1688. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Lehunt, Amherst, Pritchard, Wogan, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

Mr. Brathwaite Otway called to the Bar.

"Ordered that request be made to Mr. Rider that he would please to be cheife surveyor to this Society and to supravise and direct the building of the Gate now to be built and all publique structures belonging to this Society."

Mr. Wm. Moses[1] to be called to the Bench.

Pension 22nd June, 1688. Present:—Williams, Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Pritchard, Wogan, Thurbarne, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

James Wellington to be called to the Bar.

Ordered that the chambers of those in arrear with dues to the Preacher be seized unless they pay before next Pension.

"Ordered that Mr. Prichard be chosen Treasurer for this Society for the yeare ensueing and that he take his place when the present Trẽar shall have passed his acc^tts^."

Pension 25th June, 1688. Present:—Williams, Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Prichard, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

John Garland, Thomas Gooding, Daniel Bedingfield, Anthony Colcott, Lewis Meyrick, Griffith Lloyd, William Dixon, Justinian

[1] He was made a Serjeant within a fortnight from this date, and never took his seat at the Bench. From 1655 to 1660 he had been Master of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge, but had had to make way at the Restoration for the royalist Master who had been formerly ejected.

Champneys, Gabriel Salsbury, Roger Moor, Thomas Carter, William Busby and James Gregory are to be summoned to attend the next Pension to accept call to the Bench and to read in course.[1]

Called to be Ancients:—Rymer Tho., Twisleton Jn°, Dyose Tho., Farnham Ed., Hunt Jn°, Wright Jn° Jun:, Beckingham Step., Hindmarsh John, Clayton Tho., Dyne Ed., Bury Tho., Attkinson R., Corbett Ed., Darrell Sir Marm^ke^, Bendish Tho., Denne Jn°, Lloyd Ed., Howe Wm., Erle Robt., Aspinwall Ed., Ascough Wm., Piggott Geo., Monox Lewis, Norton Row., Chetham Hen., Powell Hen., Wilton Rich., Bull Marm^ke^, Harrison Tho., Ormsby Robt., Bedingfeild Ed., Glyd Jn°, Player Wm., Wynne Ed., Nash Jn°, Robinson Tho., Williams Jn°, Poyntz Newdegate, Whorwood Wortly, Thacker Godf., Wale Tho., Vincent Tho.

Hugh Smithson and Charles Rigby called to the Bar.

Pension 2nd July, 1688. Present:—Otway, Amherst, Gifford, Pritchard, Wogan, Prickett, South, Temple, Pigeon and Cooke.

The following accept their call to the Bench and "doe promise to come to the Bench at the beginning of Mich: terme next and to p̃forme all duties incident to ye same vizt: Mr. Tho. Gooding, Mr. Dan. Bedingfeild, Mr. Anth. Colcott, Mr. Gabriel Salsbury, Mr. Tho. Carter and Mr. Wm. Busby.

Jonathan Newton and Thomas Gill called to the Bar.

Pension adjourned "to Wensday night next imediately after supper."

Pension 31st Oct: 1688. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Pritchard, Buck, Wogan, South, Temple and Cooke.

Samuel Lovell called to the Bar.

[1] Five Benchers were the next day made Serjeants. Luttrell says:—"The 26th William Lehunt, John Rotheram, Vincent Denn, Salathiel Lovell, William Moses Esqs all of Graies Inn," and others, "the new Serjeants, mett at Lincoln's Inn and counted there and thence walkt to Westminster in their party coloured robes to the Common Pleas Barr and counted and gave rings with this motto, *Rex princeps et Christiana libertas*; and afterwards entertained the Lord Chancellor, Judges, Serjeants-at-law and other persons of quality at a dinner at Lincoln's Inn."

Mr. Thomas Gooding[1] and Mr. Wm. Busby to have votes in Pension.

Mr. Henry Baldock, Mr. John Rotherham, Mr. Wm. and Thomas Stringer and Mr. Vertue Radford "being all of them Judges sons or sons in law" are called to be Ancients.

PENSION 9th Nov: 1688. Present:—OTWAY, PRITCHARD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, GOODING and BUSBY.

Mr. Thomas Carter to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 16th Nov: 1688. Present:—The above.

Sir Thomas Holford called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar provide for the use of this Society a competent number of such lights as they have in the Temple."

PENSION 26th Nov: 1688. Present:—OTWAY, GIFFORD, PRITCHARD, BUCK, WOGAN, THURBARNE, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER and BUSBY.

At the request of the Lord High Chancellor of England Mr. Samuel Ogle is to be called to the Bar, provided he enter into bond to purchase a chamber in the House within six months.

A committee appointed to let the Duchy Office for a year; also to treat with Mr. Simon Weaver in regard to "the timber yard between the Walkes and the Kings gate."

"Memor^d that Hillary Terme was not kept by reason of the Revolution of the Govern^mt."

PENSION 22nd April, 1689. Present:—AMHERST, OTWAY, GIFFORD, BUCK, TEMPLE, COOKE and GOODING.

Mr. John Thurbarne elected Treasurer as from the death of Thomas Pritchard late Treasurer.

[1] Thomas Gooding was made a Serjeant in 1692.

Mr. Rowland Holt, brother to the Lord Chief Justice Holt, called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th April, 1689. Present:—OTWAY, TEMPLE, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER and BUSBY.

Edward Goulston called to the Bar.

Daniel Bedingfeild called to the Bench and to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 29th April, 1689. Present:—OTWAY, AMHERST, GIFFORD, BUCK, TEMPLE, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER and BUSBY.

John Buxton to be called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Buck and Mr. Carter be desired to attend the new Serjeants of this Society[1] and acquaint them that Graies Inne Hall is att theire service to be made use of for theire Dinner or otherwise and that they shall be accomodated in all other matters concerning their call as this house can serve them in."

Mr. Rowland Holt called to the Ancients' Table.

PENSION 6th May, 1689. Present:—AMHERST, OTWAY, GIFFORD, BUCK, TEMPLE, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER and BUSBY.

Mr. Buck chosen Treasurer in place of Mr. Serj[t] Thurbarne.

Whereas Mr. Pritchard late Treasurer died indebted to the house in the sum of £217 3*s.* 8*d.* upon his accounts as well as for rent and duties, his chamber is to be sold for the payment of his debts.

"Ordered that a Catalouge be made of all the bookes in the library of this Society."[2] A committee appointed to assist therein.

"Ordered that a modell be forthwith prepared by an able Surveyor for a Chappell to be new erected for this Society and that the

[1] The Serjeants in question were Thomas Rookby, William Woogan, and John Thurbarne.

[2] The catalogue then compiled is still in existence. It shows that the library contained only 326 volumes. Probably many books had been destroyed when the library was burnt in 1683-4.

Trẽar and Dr. Wake the Preacher of the said Society be desired to promote the said building by obteyning contributions for the same."

Pension 8th May, 1689. Present:—Otway, Scroggs, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke, Gooding, Bedingfield, Carter and Busby.

Charles Gardiner called to the Bar.

Mr. Wm. Spencer, Mr. Martin Folkes, Mr. Reginald Bretland, Mr. Robert Win, Sir William Dawson, Mr. Geo. England, Mr. Thomas Cotchett, Mr. Geo. Moreland, Mr. James Lightbone, Mr. Henry Lambton, and Mr. Thomas Burgh are summoned to accept their call to the Bench and to read in their turns.

Mr. John Townley to be called to the Bar at the request of the Lord Commissioner Rawlinson.

"Ordered that for the time to come no peticõn be admitted for calling any gent. to the Barr unless at the time of such peticõn he have a chamber in his own right within this Society."

"Ordered that from henceforth noe gent: be called to the Barr uppon the recommendacõn of the Ld Chancell^r Ld Keeper Lds Com^rs of the great Seale Cheife Justices or Judges of Westminster Hall or any other p̃son unlesse the same recomendacõn be signifyed in writeing under the hand of such p̃son or p̃sons as shall soe recomend the same."

Referred to the Treasurer to "provide convenient seates for the Walkes."

Pension 3rd June, 1689. Present:—Williams, Amherst, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Bedingfeild, Gooding and Busby.

"Whereas Mr. Robt. Rochford was admitted of this Society in the yeare 1672 and continued in cõmons till Mich. 1677 and paid all his dutyes and haveing then a certificate from this Society was admitted in Ireland to practise in the Courts there as Councell at Law And by reason of the calamities now in Ireland is forced to fly into England It is therefore ordered that the said Mr. Robt.

Rochford be called to the Barr takeing the oaths of allegiance and supremacy and paying this termes dutyes and [having] rec^{d} the Sacram^{t} and given bond to the Trẽar to pay his dutyes to this house for the time to come."

Pension 10th June, 1689. Present:—Amherst, Otway, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Cooke, Gooding, Carter and Busby.

Mr. Gregory to be called to the Bench.

A committee appointed "to proporc̃on the rates of every respective proprietor of chambers in Coney Court towards the paveing round the Court with Purbeck stone wch is hereby ordered to be 6 foot wide from the pallasadoe pales that are already ordered to be erected round the same Court And it is further ordered that the same comittee take care that a draine be there made to carry off the water and that the Court be gravelled and the tree therein cutt downe and y^{t} the said Court be divided from Chappell Court with stone pillars to prevent coaches and carts from driveing within the square of Coney Court aforesaid. And it is further ordered that the charge of all the premisses be sett upon the house except the said pave^{t} and pallasadoe pales."

Mr. Roger Moor to be called to the Bench.

Rents of chambers "on the two staircases and halfe staircase in Holbourn Court next Grayes Inne Lane," to be:—Ground chamber, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*; first floor, £1 13*s.* 4*d.*; second floor, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*; third floor, £1. On the north side of the gateway staircase in Chapel Court:—The stationer's shop, £1; first floor, £2; second, £1 13*s.* 4*d*; third, £1 5*s.* 0*d.* On the south side of the same:—ground floor, £2; first floor, £2 6*s.* 8*d.*; second, £2 3*s.* 4*d.*; third, £1 6*s.* 8*d.* The next staircase, northward:—ground floor, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*; first floor, £1 13*s.* 4*d.*; second floor, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*; third, £1.

Pension 12th June, 1689. Present:—Amherst, Buck, South, Gooding, Pigeon, Cooke, Carter, Bedingfeild and Busby.

Mr. Bretland[1] and Mr. Burgh admitted to the Bench.

Mr. Nathaniel Booth called to the Bar.

[1] Reginald Bretland was made a Serjeant in 1692.

PENSION 14th June, 1689. Present:—The above.

No gentleman to be called to the Bar until he shall have been admitted by order of Pension to some chamber in the House.

Mr. Dixon called to the Bench and to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 17th June, 1689. Present:—AMHERST, OTWAY, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER and BUSBY.

Mr. Roger Moor[1] to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that for the time to come a clause be incerted in all leases of chambers and licences to assigne the same that ye said lease and assign^t^ shall be subject to ye orders and dutyes of the house."

Mr. Myrrick and Mr. Henry Lambton to be called to the Bench.

PENSION 18th June, 1689. Present:—The above.

Mr. Lightbone to be called to the Bench.

Mr. Wm. Spencer to be called to the Bench and to vote in Pension.

"Ordered that such persons as have been sum̃oned to accept the Bench and have not accepted be postponed in theire seniority and foreclosed from comeing to the Bench."

PENSION 30th Oct: 1689. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER and BUSBY.

"Ordered that Mr. Fairbard shew cause at the next Penc̃on why he should not pay ye fine of Robt. Richardson son of Wm. Richardson who was admitted of this Society without fine by him the said Mr. Fairbard on the fowerteenth day of December 1686 there being noe order or consent of any of the Bench for that purpose."

[1] Roger Moor was made a Serjeant in 1692.

A committee appointed "to consider what Lights are fitt to be sett up in this house in dark nights and [what] will be the charges thereof and to report the same."

Pension 6th Nov: 1689. Present:—Amherst, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Carter, Busby and Dixon.

Mr. Gregory having paid his caution money to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that the hall be not made use of for any publique meeting wch does not concerne this Society without order of Pencon unless it be in vacacon time and then with leave of three Benchers of this Society whereof the Trear to be one there having been publique meetings there by strangers to the hinderance of the exercises of the house."

"Ordered that leave be given to the Com^rs^ for putting in execucon of ye late act of parlim^t^ for raising 12^d^ in the pound to meet in the hall of this Society for the execucon of the said act, they giveing notice thereof the day before theire meeting to the head Buttler of the house that the Exercises of the house may not be hindred thereby."

Pension 11th Nov: 1689. Present:—Buck, South, Temple, Cooke, Gooding, Carter, Busby and Dixon.

"Ordered that those gent: who have been lately called to the Bench and have refused their call be fined 40^ll^ a piece and pay the same forthwith."

"Ordered that Mr. James Lightbone shew cause at the next Pencon why he dont pay his caution money haveing accepted his call to the Bench."

Pension 15th Nov: 1689. Present:—The above and Amherst and Bedingfield.

James Peirson to be called to the Bar on the recommendation of Lord Commissioner Rawlinson.

John Cheshire called to the Bar.

Mr. Reginald Bretland having accepted his call to the Bench and paid his caution money is to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1689. Present:—AMHERST, BUCK, TEMPLE, PIGEON, BEDINGFEILD, GOODING, CARTER, BUSBY and DIXON.

Mr. James Lightbone having paid his caution money to have a vote in Pension.

Thomas Chappell and Richard Buttler called to the Bar.

Ordered that "the chambers in Holbourne Court in the Pipe Office Building whereof the Lady Crook, executrix of Sir Robert Crooke died possessed, since burnt and rebuilt" be divided between Mr. Serj: Thurbarne and Mr. Unton Read, the former having the south, and the latter the north, chambers.

Ordered upon the report of a committee "that ye method for divideing Chappell Court from Coney Court shall be in manner following vizt that the pave^t^ on ye east and west side of Coney Court be brought as near to a levell as may be and that there be two or more stone stepps of twelve inches tread at the length assending from Chappell Court to Coney Court and that there be a brick wall built between the two Courts between the said steps on each side up to the levell of Coney Court wherein pallasadoe pales or copeings may be placed as shall be thought fitt hereafter."

A committee appointed to examine what arrears are due to the Preacher.

PENSION 27th Jan: 1689. Present:—AMHERST, OTWAY, GIFFORD, BUCK, TEMPLE, PIGEON and BUSBY.

"Ordered that it be refferred to Mr. Trẽar to gett a bell[1] for the Chappell to be new cast and a wheel thereto to be new made as he finds necessary."

Mr. Trẽar to pay £50 to Dr. Wake towards his arrears.

The chambers formerly Mr. Crawley's [adjoining the Hall

[1] The bell is still in use. It bears the inscription: "James Bartlet made mee, 1689. Samuel Buck, Treasurer."

gallery] to be let only on condition that the three chief rooms be reserved for the use of the house on Grand Days.

Mr. Plaxton to shew cause why he does not repair his ground chamber "in the Cloyster Building in Holbourne Court."[1]

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1689. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, OTWAY, SCROGGS, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE, CARTER, DIXON, BUSBY, GREGORY and BRETLAND.

Sir William Dawson to be called to the Bench.

Mr. Fowlkes, when he has paid all duties, to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1689. Present:—The above.

James Clavering called to the bar *ex gratia.*

Ordered that the following be entered:—

"Memorand: 25th Januarii 1689. Upon an appeale brought by John Try Esq an Antient of this Society before the Judges that had bin Members thereof suggesting that he had been pretermitted in two severall calls to the Bench wherein severall of his punies had been called and that he had thereupon peticoned in Pencon for his call thereto and his peticon was rejected soe that he was only releiveable before their Lõpps The Ld Chiefe Justice Holt Mr. Baron Neville Mr. Justice Gregory and Mr. Baron Turton assembled at his Lõpps chamber in Serj: Inne in Chancery Lane and Sir Wm. Williams and most of the Benchers attending upon notice to justifye what they had done and insisting upon itt that it was an inherent right in the Bench to judge who were fitting to be called to the Bench and who not The Apeallant read the said orders of Pencon and [his] peticon and his appeale and after both sides were fully heard and after long debate of the matter and that the appellant had insisted that cause might be assigned against his call and the said Bench then present had refused to assigne any cause in regard they did alleadge they were themselves judges who were fitting to be

[1] Plaxton's chamber was in Higgons' Buildings, also known as the "hanging" Buildings; it did not adjoin the so-called cloister demolished in 1905.

called to the Bench his Lõpp was pleased to declare that the call to the Bench was noe matter of right in any person but was in point of government only and that it was discretionary and both p̃sons and time ought to be left to the judgm^t of the Bench in whom the governm^t of the said Society resided and that unless the Appellant had been called and then disbenched noe cause need to be assigned why the Bench refused the appellant And then the rest of the judges seriatim delivered theire oppinions to the like effect And thereupon the said appeal was dismist And the Benchers did absolutely refuse to call him the said Appellant to the Bench."[1]

Pension 28th May, 1690. Present:—Amherst, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Bedingfeild, Carter and Bretland.

The stationer's shop "neare the Hall in Holbourne Court" is granted for 21 years to the executor of the late Mr. Charles Clare in trust for the said Mr. Clare's children at £1 10*s.* rent and £10 fine, the fine being reduced on account of Mr. Clare's gratuitous execution of the office of Deputy-Treasurer.

Samuel Buck (Treasurer) to produce his accounts at the first Pension of next term.

Sir Nicholas Garrett to be called to the bar *ex gratia.*

Pension 27th June, 1690. Present:—Otway, Gifford, Buck, South, Prickett, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke, Gooding, Carter and Busby.

A committee appointed to "auditt the accounts of Mr. Trẽar on Thursday next imediately after dinner in the Library."

John Addison called to the Bar.

Pension 30th June, 1690. Present:—The above and others.

John Owen called to the Bar.

[1] The name of the "Appellant" is given as "Fry" by Foster in his "Admission Book" and by the editors of the *Inner Temple Records*, but it is clearly, and consistently, written "Try" in the Gray's Inn MSS.

PENSION 4th July, 1690. Present:—BUCK, SOUTH, PRICKETT, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER, GREGORY, DIXON, BUSBY and BRETLAND.

"Ordered that Mr. Buck from and after the 21st day of this instant July be eased of his Treasurershipp[1] and that in his stead Mr. South be Treasurer of this Society for the yeare to come."

PENSION 8th July, 1690. Present:—WILLIAMS, AMHERST, OTWAY, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE, GOODING, BEDINGFIELD, CARTER, BUSBY, BRETLAND and GREGORY.

"Ordered that Sir Richard Gipps haveing appeared at this Pencon to answere his contempt for pulling down an order[2] screened in the hall and hath submitted himselfe for the same It is ordered y^t he be remitted the said offence paying such dutyes to the house as shall be found due by Mr. South Mr. Pigeon and Mr. Cooke or any two of them."

"Ordered that Mr. Trear proceed in the finishing of Chappell Court in the vacation next ensueing." A committee appointed to direct the work.

"Ordered that no wine be brought into the Hall at the charge of this Society till the debts of the same be paid."

PENSION 29th Oct: 1690. Present:—AMHERST, GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, CARTER and BUSBY.

"Ordered that in regard of the present circumstances of the house Itt is thought fitt that noe Grand Day shall be kept this terme."

The auditors of Mr. Buck's accounts are to sit *de die in diem* till the 15th prox. and Mr. Buck to produce all papers that they may require.

[1] See orders of 28th Nov: 1690, and 22nd May, 1691.

[2] The order was one of those periodically made (though not, as a rule, here printed) that A, B, and C being in arrear of their rents, or other dues, to the House, were to pay by a given date, or their chambers would be seized. Gipps' name had been included in one of these orders.

Pension 12th Nov: 1690. Present:—Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke, Gooding, Carter, Busby and Gregory.

Henry Davie called to the Bar.

Pension 24th Nov: 1690. Present:—Amherst, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke, Gooding, Carter and Busby.

William Phillipps and Jonathan Staniforth called to the Bar.

Pension 26th Nov: 1690. Present:—Amherst, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke, Gooding, Carter, Bretland, Gregory and Busby.

William Parker and Robert Jones called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Cheeke Gerrard a member of this Society shall pay to the Trẽar the rent or sum̃e of five and twenty pounds a yeare each for two yeares last past ending at Mich̃as last past for the Dutchy Office[1] and the building thereto belonging and it is further ordered that he shall have a lease thereof under ye proviso hereinafter menc̃oned for another yeare to begin from Mich̃as last past and soe from yeare to yeare as long as the Penc̃on shall think fitt under the rent of thirty pounds per ann: subject nevertheless to building orders provided the said Mr. Gerrard declare his consent to such lease unto the Trẽar within tenn dayes after notice hereof."

Pension 28th Nov: 1690. Present:—Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Gooding, Carter, Busby and Bretland.

"Ordered that the exceptions of the Barristers and Students now delivered in against Mr. Bucks accounts are refferred to all the

[1] This office, situated between the Hall and the Chapel, where the Pension chamber now is, had been granted in 1625 to Sir Gilbert Gerrard for the lives of himself and his two sons. The three lives would seem to have expired two years before the above order. The post of Clerk to the Duchy was held in turn by several members of the Gerrard family, the first in the succession being Sir William Gerrard, to whom this chamber was granted as an office in 1593. Before that time it had been the chamber of Sir Gilbert Gerrard, Master of the Rolls. The following extracts from the catalogue of the Harleian MSS. refer to this office: 2009.12. "E quodam libro in officio Ducatus Lancast: apud Grayes Inne reservato." 2044.8. "Old deeds transcribed from the great Couchir Booke in the Duchy office at Grayes Inne, London."

Benchers now present except Mr. Buck ye late Treasurer or any three of them soe y^t they shall examine and consider thereof."[1]

Pension 6th Feb: 1690. Present:—The above and others.

"Ordered that Sir William Dawson haveing accepted his call to the Bench and accordingly taken his place as a Bencher doe attend the next Penc̃on to shew cause why he don't pay his hundred markes."

Gregory Geering called to the Bar.

A committee appointed to consider reforms as to the exercises of the Students.

Pension 9th Feb: 1690. Present:—Gifford, Buck, South, Pigeon, Cooke, Gooding, Carter, Dixon and Busby.

Edward Place called to the Bar.

Pension 11th Feb: 1690. Present:—Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Gooding, Carter, Dixon and Busby.

Sir John Bolls permitted to assign his two chambers, one two pair of stairs and the other over it, on the Library staircase, to Mr. L. Lake.

Pension 11th May, 1691. Present:—Otway, Gifford, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Cooke, Carter and Dixon.

The "assessment charged upon the severall chambers in this House by the late Acts of the tax of 3*s*. in the pound" to be forthwith collected and paid to the Treasurer.

Pension 13th May, 1691. Present:—The above and others.

"Ordered that noe wine be provided for any of the Preachers in ye Chappell without a Penc̃on order."

[1] What the exceptions were is not recorded. One gathers that the financial position of the Society was unsatisfactory, but that no serious blame attached to Buck, who, after being "eased of his Treasurership," attended Pension regularly and, it would seem, met all criticisms with success. See order of 13th May, 1691.

"Whereas the accounts of Mr. Buck late Trẽar were screened in Michaelmas terme last and the same have been examined and noe just exception thereunto hath been yet made It is ordered that such persons as can make objections to the said accounts doe shew the same to the auditors before the last Friday of this terme or else the same will stand confirmed."

"Ordered that the antient orders be inspected touching the Students their mootes that more strict care may be taken therein for the future."

Pension 22nd May, 1691. Present:—Williams, Buck, South, Temple, Pigeon, Carter, Gooding, Busby, Bretland and Folkes.

William Manwareing and John Williams called to the Bar.

"Ordered that upon the report of the Refferres of Mr. Buck the late Trẽar's accounts that the said accounts be allowed."

Pension 19th June, 1691. Present:—Williams, Otway, Scroggs, Gifford, Buck, South, Carter and Busby.

"Ordered upon the desires of the L^ds^ Com^rs^ Rawlinson and Hutchings signified by Sir Wm. Williams to this Penc̃on that Mr. John James be called to the Barr by the grace of this Society he haveing served in an office of quallity belonging to the great Seale for tenn yeares last past."

Pension 22nd June, 1691. Present:—The above, except Williams.

"Whereas Mr. James Bird a member of this Society haveing this night at supper rudely and in an unhandsome manner broken potts in the hall at supper time And being afterwards at the screen reproved by the Bench for his said offence returned very rude language to them And haveing been warned to attend this Penc̃on has contemptuously neglected to come," he is put out of commons.

PENSION 30th June, 1691. Present:—OTWAY, BUCK, SOUTH, COOKE, CARTER, GOODING, MOORE, BRETLAND and FOLKES.

George Kenyon called to the Bar.

Mr. Bird, "haveing made his submission," is restored to commons.

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1691. Present:—GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, COOKE, GOODING, CARTER, DIXON, BUSBY and BRETLAND.

Giles Theyer and Bernard Ellis called to the Bar.

Abraham Dudley called to the Bar *ex gratia.*

PENSION 27th Nov: 1691. Present:—SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, CARTER, GOODING, BUSBY, BRETLAND and FOLKES.

Erasmus Corbett (formerly of the Inner Temple) called to the Bar.

Wm. Branthwaite called to the Bar *ex gratia.*

"Ordered that the debt oweing to Dr. Cleagatts executors which is fifteen pounds and the debt oweing to Mr. Fenwick for Coñunion wyne be paid by Mr. Trẽar previous to any other payments."

PENSION 5th Feb: 1691. Present:—SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, DIXON, BUSBY, BRETLAND and FOLKES.

Samuel Reynolds called to the Bar.

PENSION 20th April, 1692. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, COOKE, CARTER, SPENCER, GOODING and FOLKES.

"Ordered that the last order made to take away wine out of the Hall at the house charge be determined and the said order is hereby repealed and made voyd And it is further ordered that the proporc̃on of wine to be allowed to the Bench be a bottle to a mess for one meal and soe in p̃porc̃on.

"Ordered that the sallery of the succeeding preacher of this Society after Dr. Wake doe not exceed one hundred and fifty pounds by the yeare And that to be answered out of the Roll according to the antient orders of this Society."

PENSION 4th May, 1692. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, TEMPLE, PIGEON, CARTER, DIXON, BUSBY and FOLKES.

Mr. South to bring in his accounts by the second Pension of next term and Mr. Temple to succeed him from that date in the Treasurership.

Mr. Julyan called to the Bar.

PENSION 3rd June, 1692. Present:—WILLIAMS, OTWAY, GIFFORD, SOUTH, CARTER, BEDINGFIELD, DIXON, BUSBY and FOLKES.

Mr. Pigeon chosen Treasurer in place of Mr. Temple who is lately dead.

PENSION 10th June, 1692. Present:—OTWAY, GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, BEDINGFIELD, CARTER, DIXON and BUSBY.

Mr. Thomas Clarke called to the Bar.

PENSION 13th June, 1692. Present:—The above.

"Ordered that noe Bencher admitt of any private application for any matter that is to come before the Penc̃on other than the Treasurer for such things as relate to his office."

PENSION 9th Nov: 1692. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, PIGEON, CARTER, DIXON, COOKE, BUSBY and FOLKES.

"Ordered that the gent: herein after named be called to the Bench they first paying every of them one hundred markes and all dutyes to the house and to take theire places according to theire seniority in this call vizt:—Eveling Robt., Newdigate Robt., Clarke

Saml. (Mil:), Markham Robt., Halford Hen:, Dalston Tho., Bodingham Phil:, Gifford Tho., Owen Tho., Caley Corn:, Ellis Peter, Boyse Jeff:, Wilsby Wm., Kenrick Cha."

PENSION 19th Nov: 1692. Present:—OTWAY, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, BEDINGFIELD, DIXON, BUSBY and FOLKES.

Edward Tongue called to the Bar.

Robert Dunkin to be admitted to the Society "and have allowance of the time he was of the Society of the Inner Temple where he was admitted the 20th of June 1687."

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1692. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and FOLKES.

Called to be Ancients:—Sedgwick Jno., Scofield Radclif, Vaughan R., Gratwick Jno., Bond Jno., Burdett Ed., Baines Jno., Daniel Wm., Haley Ric., Crisp Wm., Robinson Luke, Currer Hen., Knight Isaac, Greenfeild Chr., Bird Wm., Hooker —,[1] Morgan Lewis, Ireton Hen., Swinbourne Tho., Staines Rich., Stow Wm.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1692. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BEDINGFEILD and BUSBY.

Mr. Francis Lindley, Mr. Gilbert Rigby and Mr. Thomas Barton called to the Bar.

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1692. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, SOUTH, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and FOLKES.

Mr. Rowland Holt, "an Antient of this Society, brother to the Lord Chief Justice Holt," called to the Bench.

Mr. Thomas Owen, having paid his caution money, is to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that Sir Edmund Anderson and the other proprietors of the north Building in Coney Court have leave at theire own

[1] This is probably the man given in Foster's Admission Book as Goldwell Hooper.

charges to make a well in the garden behind theire Building for the dreyning the water therefrom and that Mr. Trẽar Mr. South and Mr. Cooke be desired to supervise the makeing such well."

PENSION 8th Feb: 1692. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, SPENCER, FOLKES and OWEN.

John Ward and John Walker called to the Bar.

Robert Dunkin called to the Bar by request of Lord Commissioner Hutchings.

Mr. Robert Markham admitted to the Bench.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1692. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, SPENCER, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and FOLKES.

Charles Tyrill called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the Dean of the Chappell be desired to use all the strictest meanes and methods that consist with the rules of the House to compell all gentlemen to pay theire arreares to the Preachers roll."

PENSION 17th May, 1693. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, SPENCER, BUSBY, LIGHTBONE, FOLKES and OWEN.

Waller Bacon called to the Bar.

A new lock to be put on the door from Coney Court into the Walks and no one to have a key but by order of Pension.

"Ordered that an iron be sett up in the middle of Fullers Rents gate to prevent burdens and horses being brought that way."

PENSION 19th May, 1693. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, CARTER, BUSBY, LIGHTBONE and OWEN.

Andrew Card and John Walker called to the Bar.

PENSION 22nd May, 1693. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER and BUSBY.

Benjamin Nelson called to the Bar.

PENSION 21st June, 1693. Present:—OTWAY, GIFFORD, SOUTH, COOKE, BUSBY and LIGHTBONE.

"Ordered that Mr. Richard Pawlett have a terme for 21 yeares in a chamber next the gallery at the end of the Hall paying 22^{ll} 10^{s} 0^{d} fine and 20^{s} per ann. rent and liberty for the House to make use of his chamber on the Grand dayes and liberty to goe into the gallery neare the Hall."

"Ordered that all the Masters of the Bench may renew theire keyes to the Walkes if they please and those of the Bench as have none may have y^{m} if they please."

PENSION 28th June, 1693. Present:—WILLIAMS, SOUTH, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER and FOLKES.

Thomas Stillington called to the Bar.

PENSION 3rd July, 1693. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, SPENCER, BEDINGFEILD and KENRICK.

Mr. Charles Kenrick to have a vote in Pension.

Mr. Richard Pawlett called to the Bar.

No person to have a key to the Walks till he has paid all duties to the House.

Mr. Pigeon to continue Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"Whereas Mr. Alexander Griffith haveing paid his money for his admittance into this Society in Easter terme 1686 to a person who did deceive him of his money and not admitt him according to his promise and trust reposed in him so y^{t} the said Mr. Griffith was not admitted untill May 1689 the truth of the matter has been certified to the Bench by Sir Wm. Wogan one of his Maj^{ties} $Serj^{ts}$ att Law It is therefore ordered that the said Mr. Griffith have the time from Easter terme 1686 untill May y^{e} 1st 1689 allowed him in his standing in order to be called to the Barr."

PENSION 6th Nov: 1693. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, CARTER and KENRICK.

"Ordered that Mr. Serj. Bigland may have a key to the gate out of Coney Court into the Walkes."

Mr. Thomas Robinson and Mr. Altham Smith may have keys so that they "doe not lend or dispose of theire key out of theire hands."

PENSION 10th Nov: 1693. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES and KENRICK.

Mr. Robert Markham and Mr. Rowland Holt to have votes in Pension.

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1693. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, OWEN and HOLT.

Bartholomew Cantor and Elkana Horton called to the Bar.

"Ordered that there be a ball set over every door of the staircases in Coney Court with figures thereon for distinction and att the charge of the proprietors of each chamber therein."[1]

PENSION 24th Nov: 1693. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, etc.

Mr. Preistley called to the Bar.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1693. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and MARKHAM.

Andrew Wither and Henry Beresford called to the Bar.

A committee appointed to treat concerning "the building of that part of the ground in Warwick garden belonging to this society."

Mr. Humphry Peirce appointed Steward in place of Mr. Weston.

[1] The various buildings had been known by numbers for some few years previous to this order. Though Chapel Court was at this time divided, by a low wall and palings, from Coney Court the two were numbered as one, and the numbers were as they are now; so that, *e.g.*, 2, Coney Court is 2, Gray's Inn Square.

PENSION 7th Feb: 1693. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM and KENRICK.

John Denn's executrix permitted to assign his ground chamber at No. 2 Coney Court to Robert Raymond, a member of this Society.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1693. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, DIXON, CARTER, SPENCER, FOLKES, MARKHAM, KENRICK, OWEN and BOYSE.

Mr. Jeffrey Boyse to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that upon payment of the sum̃e of five hundred pounds by Dame Barbara Allibone to the Trẽar of this Society on or before the five and twentieth day of March now next ensueing and a surrender made of the whole terme and intrest of and in a lease of a peice of ground called Warwick Garden and other the ground and buildings which she claimeth to hold of this Society for about tenne yeares to come she the said Lady Allibone shall have a building terme" of the said land for fifty years at a yearly rent of £4.

The above mentioned £500 to remain in the hands of the Treasurer, and unless Pension should order otherwise, before 24th June next, "then the same to be putt out upon reall security at intrest by a Comittee of Penc̃on or any three or more of them, whereof the said Treasurer to be one, for the benefitt of this Society and not to be called in or disposed of butt upon three months notice by order of Penc̃on in full terme."

PENSION 16th May, 1694. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, etc.

Alexander Griffith and Evan Evans called to the Bar.

Thomas Wood called to the Bar on the recommendation of Chief Justice Holt.

PENSION 19th May, 1694. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, SOUTH, COOKE, DIXON, BUSBY, SPENCER, CARTER, LIGHTBONE and HOLT.

Mr. Ralph Cooke elected Treasurer from and after the end of Trinity term next for one year.

PENSION 22nd June, 1694. Present :—GIFFORD, SOUTH, etc.

John Metcalfe and Richard Wharton called to the Bar.

PENSION 25th June, 1694. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN, BOYSE and HOLT.

"Ordered that Tho. Cocke the porters man being a great object of Charity have the sum̃e of forty shillings paid him by Mr. Trẽar."

Ordered upon the report of a Committee concerning the land of Warwick garden "that a street be made in the middle of the said ground extending north and south to be twenty foure foot wide that the houses on each side front the said street and be of the sec^d rate of building according to the act of parlim^t for rebuilding the citty of London the said houses to be thirty five foot in depth and noe privies or laystalls to the said houses be made above ground towards Grayes Inne Buildings A paire of iron gates with a wickett exceeding the value of twenty pounds be sett up att the end of the said street next Grayes Inne the key to be kept by the porter of Grayes Inne for the time being to be opened and shutt according to the rules and orders of the Society and that sufficient roome or space be left at the south end of the said street upon the ground of Warwick Garden and not upon the ground hereby intended to be left sufficient to turne a coach and that noe windowes or window be made at the end of the said Buildings towards Grayes Inne And that Mr. Tho. Rathbone be and is appointed surveyor to see the said Buildings be erected according to this order and that he be gratifyed for his paines by the Trẽar for the time being."

"Ordered that Henry Taylor an officer of this house haveing made his submission for his offence lately com̃itted in locking up severall of the Benchers in theire seats in the Chappell that the former order made for suspending him from his wages be discharged and he be restored."

PENSION 12th Nov: 1694. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and KENRICK.

"Ordered that a sun diall be sett up in Coney Court in such place as Mr. Trẽar shall think fitt."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar contract with Mr. Vernatty for fowerteen lamps to burne till twelve of the clock in the night and to be placed in the severall courts of this house where the Trẽar shall appoint."

PENSION 26th Nov: 1694. Present:—WILLIAMS, GIFFORD, BUCK, SOUTH, COOKE, DIXON, BEDINGFIELD, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES, MARKHAM, OWEN and HOLT.

Mr. John Newdigate called to the Bar.

"Ordered that it be left to the Trẽar for the time being to dispence as he shall see fitt with the castings into cõons of any member of this Society who is or shall be a member of parlim^t^ and dureing the session of parlim^t^ in terme time."

"Ordered that upon the application of William Clarke Esqre to be called to the Bench as he is one of the Kings Councell at law upon consideracõn had of the same that the application of the said Mr. Clarke be rejected."[1]

PENSION 8th Feb: 1694. Present:—BUCK, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES, MARKHAM, OWEN, BOYCE and HOLT.

Cornelius Caley to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that there be noe call of any member or members of this Society unto the Bench at any time to come but at a Pencion within the last tenn dayes before the end of a terme."

Fulwood's Rents gate to be locked up every night at ten o'clock.

[1] Clarke had been called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1679-80. He was admitted at Gray's Inn in 1687. In consequence of the above order he seems to have initiated an appeal to the Judges, but probably dropped it on considering the decision in Try's case. See p. 106. See also *Inner Temple Records*, vol. iii, pp. 321-2. He was eventually expelled. See p. 138.

Pension 11th Feb: 1694. Present:—Buck, Pigeon, Cooke, Dixon, Bedingfeild, Carter, Busby, Folkes, Markham, Owen, Boyse, Caley and Holt.

"Ordered nemine contradicente that there be an election of a Preacher to succeed Dr Wake y^t this Society may not be destitute of a Preacher this ensueinge vacacon."

"Ordered that Mr. Thomas Richardson [1] one of the fellowes of Eaton Colledge be and is hereby declared and established Preacher to this Society to succeed Dr. Wake from and after the end of this present terme to pforme supply and provide for the preaching of forenoon and afternoon sermons as custome and occasion shall require And that there be allowed to him the yearly stipend of one hundred and fifty pounds to be paid by thirty seaven pounds tenne shillings a terme And that in order thereunto the roll for that purpose be duely collected and paid."

"Ordered that the Lady Allibone's lease be reingrossed according to the former excepting only a liberty to make a light at the gable ends in the second story and uppwards and none under."

Pension 22nd April, 1695. Present:—South, Cooke, etc.

Phillip Tully called to the Bar.

Pension 26th April, 1695. Present:—South, Cooke, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen, Boyse and Kenrick.

Edmund Clifford and Thomas Goodall called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the chamber late Sir William Scroggs in Sackfords Building in Chappell Court be seised to ye use of this Society the terme therein being expired and that the goods in the said chamber be not removed but remaine therein till the dutyes owing for the said chamber and from Sir Wm. Scroggs be sattisfyed to this Society."

[1] Thomas Richardson held office only for a short time. In 1699 he was made Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge, where he is remembered as having made extensive gifts to the College Library.

PENSION 29th April, 1695. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, COOKE, CARTER, BUSBY, SPENCER, MARKHAM, OWEN and KENRICK.

"Whereas Mr. Ellis and Mr. Walker sitting as Seniors of ye Barr Mess at supper last Satturday night rose from ye table in a tumultuous manner before the time used for theire riseing and being warned to appeare at the then next Pencon to answere the same Mr. Walker spoke words in derogation and contempt of the government of the Society But they appeareing at this Pencon acknowledging theire fault It is therefore ordered y^t^ the said Mr. Ellis and Mr. Walker be turned out of comons for halfe a weeke and afterward by reason of theire submission they be received into comons againe and this order be screened in the hall tomorrow."

PENSION 31st May, 1695. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, etc.

Henry Warren called to the Bar.

PENSION 3rd June, 1695. Present:—GIFFORD, SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN and HOLT.

"Ordered that the porter of this Society doe shutt upp Holborne gate at tenn of the clock every night and that he attend there every night untill twelve of the clock to lett in and out the gentlemen of this Society And that it be refferred to all the gentlemen at this Pencon or any three of y^m^ to veiwe and consider of some place at ye gate for the porter to reside in."

PENSION 5th June, 1695. Present:—DICKENS, BUCK, SOUTH, etc.

Marmaduke Prickett, William Wogan and John Bagshawe called to the Bar.

Twenty marks to be paid to the steward "as a reimbursem^t^ to him for the dearness of provisions this last halfe yeare."

PENSION 7th June, 1695. Present:—DICKENS, SOUTH, BUCK, PIGEON, COOKE, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM and LIGHTBONE.

"Mr. Richardson ye Chaplain to this Society" to have "the chamber two story high at ye end of the hall late Sir Wm. Scroggs."

William Gilby, Walter Stephens, John Wogan and William Aspin called to the Bar.

Mr. Treasurer to pay Dr. Wake £50 towards the arrears due to him.

"Ordered y^t it be refferred to Mr. Buck, Mr. Pigeon and Mr. Trẽar or any two of y^m to find out a chamber to place in Mr. Richard Chamberlaine an Antient of this Society who is fallen to poverty and y^t it be refferd to Mr. Trẽar to allow him soe much money for charity as he thinkes fitt."[1]

PENSION 10th June, 1695. Present:—The above and BOYSE, OWEN and HOLT.

The £500 paid by Lady Allibone for her lease of the ground in Warwick Garden to be "lodged in the Bank of England[2] upon ye most advantageous termes at intrest as may be obteyned."

"Ordered that Ralph Cooke Esqr be continued Trẽar of this Society to the end of Trinity terme next."

Ordered that on the terms previously set forth the trustee of Lady Allibone have a building term of fifty years of Warwick garden "as the same lyeth between ye ground late of Warwick House on ye part of ye south and the ground of Grayes Inne aforesaid leading towards Red Lyon Feilds on the north and abbutting upon Grayes Inne and Warwick stableyard west and conteyneth in length from East to West one hundred thirty three foot and a halfe Assize little more or less and in breadth at ye east end thereof one and fifty foot an halfe of Assize little more or less and in breadth at ye west end thereof sixty five foot and halfe of Assize little more or less" at the yearly rent of £4 and under the conditions agreed, namely those already set forth,[3] and that the said trustee his executors or assignes "shall not lett convert use imploy or permitt or suffer to be used or imployed the said houses soe to be built or any of them or any part thereof unto or for the trade mistery or use of a Tavern Inne Ale-

[1] An allowance was duly paid him year by year till 1720 when, presumably, he died. He also had free commons.

[2] The Bank had been founded since the order made for investing the sum in "real security."

[3] See pp. 119, 121.

house Strong water shopp Coffee house or other publick house or any sort of Brewhouse Soape boyler Chandlers house or Chandlers shopp Butchers Bakers Smiths Shopp Joyner handicraft or shopp or trade." He is to keep the houses in repair, and pay all taxes and charges upon them and Lady Allibone is to execute "unto two or more of the Feoffees or Trustees of the inheritance of the premises or other person or persons in trust of and for this Society an indenture of covenants for the due and full performance of all the clauses articles and agreements hereinbefore comprised."

Pension 12th Nov: 1695. Present:—Dickens, Buck, South, Pigeon, Cooke, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen and Kenrick.

Mr. Treasurer to "discharge Mr. Richard Chamberlaines cõmons in the hall."

A committee to view and inspect the ancient orders of this Society.

Mr. Thomas Hutton called to the Bar.

Pension 25th Nov: 1695. Present:—Buck, South, Pigeon, Cooke, Markham and Owen.

"Ordered that the Bricklayer of Grayes Inn doe forthwith stop up the window in the ground room next the Walkes in the Lady Allibones new buildings."

"Ordered that the new transcript of the Antient Orders of this house be hung up in the hall of this Society every Tuesday and Thursday in terme time."[1]

Pension 10th Feb: 1695. Present:—South, Pigeon, Cooke, Dixon, Bedingfeild, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen and Boyse.

"Ordered that Mr. Leo. Thomson the Ld^s^ Treasurers Remembrancer of the office of ye Exchequer be called to ye Barr."

[1] Probably this was a revised edition of the tablet of "Antient Standing Orders and Constitutions" which Dugdale found in the Hall in 1664.

"Ordered that Mr. Geo. Eveling Mr. Robt. Newdigate Mr. Saml. Clarke Mr. Hen. Holford Mr. Wm. Wilsby Mr. Tho. Dalston Mr. Phill. Bodenham Mr. Tho. Gifford and Mr. Peter Ellis haveing been called to ye Bench and refused to accept theire call be fined 40^ll^ apeice."

PENSION 20th May, 1696. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, CARTER, BEDINGFEILD, BUSBY and MARKHAM.

"Whereas the yearely proffitts of the place of Thomas Bowler Cheife Cooke to this Society have been lessened by reason that the generall Readings Festivalls and vacacon comons have been lately laid aside Itt is therefore ordered that the Trear pay him forty shillings every terme above his former wages till further order."

PENSION 26th June, 1696. Present:—The above and others.

William Green called to the Bar.

PENSION 28th Nov: 1696. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, etc.

Thomas Mollineux called to the Bar.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1696. Present:—BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, etc.

Samuel Hallowes called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th May, 1697. Present:—SOUTH, BEDINGFEILD, etc.

Ferdinando Latus called to the Bar.

PENSION 21st June, 1697. Present:—BUCK, SOUTH, etc.

William Powell called to the Bar.

PENSION 12th Nov: 1697. Present:—BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM and OWEN.

Robert Raymond and Caleb Owen called to the Bar.

"Whereas it appeares to this Pencon that forreigne Bricklayers haveing been imployed to repaire the roofes of severall buildings

within this Society have taken off the tyles and lead upon the same to the great damage thereof It is therefore ordered that for the time to come noe Bricklayer shall be imployed to repaire any of the buildings of the house but the Bricklayer of the Society And if any difference doe arise between the Bricklayer of the Society and any gent. concerning the charges of the repaireing any building ye same to be regulated by ye Pencon."

PENSION 26th Nov: 1697. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

John Ellis called to the Bar.

PENSION 30th May, 1698.[1] Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, etc.

Charles Hilton, Henry Shaftoe and Thomas Mather called to the Bar.

PENSION 1st June, 1698. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM and KENRICK.

"Ordered that Mr. Bedingfeld the present Trear doe prepare his accounts to be auditted upon the 15th day of July next being ye next Fryday after the terme And that Mr. Dixon be and is hereby elected Trear to succeed in the said office and take upon him the execucon thereof upon the said Fryday when the present Trear leaves the same."

PENSION 3rd June, 1698. Present:—WILLIAMS, SOUTH, etc.

David Lloyd called to the Bar.

PENSION 1st July, 1698. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and MARKHAM.

"Ordered that an Information be brought against Mr. Kite for teaching school in George Yard without a licence to the annoiance of severall gentlemen of this Society."

[1] Two Pensions were held in Hilary term, but no order of any interest was made.

Pension 4th July, 1698. Present:—Williams, Buck, South, Pigeon, Cooke, Bedingfeild, Carter, Busby, Folkes and Holt.

"Ordered that Munday next a Pencon be held for choseing a Preacher to succeed Dr. Richardson and that the election be made at that Pencon."

The following to be summoned to accept a call to the Bench:—Cox Jno., Scrimshire Wm., Smith Ed., Howe Tho., Gibbs Marm., Edwards Tho., Sheppard Cha., Twisleton Jno., Dyose Tho., Amherst Jeff., Beckingham Steph., Lloyd Ed., Earle Robt., Harrison Tho., Ascough Wm.

Digby Miller elected chief cook.

Pension 6th July, 1698. Present:—Buck, South, etc.

William Barnard, William Branand and James Dermer called to the Bar.

Pension 8th July, 1698. Present:—South, Pigeon, etc.

Robert Maltiward called to the Bar.

Pension 11th July, 1698. Present:—Williams, Buck, South, Pigeon, Cooke, Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen, Folkes and Holt.

The call of Mr. Robert Lever to the Bar is "respited for that he has not paid the Preachers Roll" when due.

A committee to consider Mr. Leo. Thompson's proposals for building an office for the King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer.

"Ordered that Mr. Robert Moss[1] a fellow of Bennett Colledge in Cambridge be and is hereby elected Preacher to this Society to succeed Dr. Richardson from and after the end of this present terme with ye same sallary and under all the circumstances as Dr. Richardson enjoyd the same by the Pencon order of his election and Mr. Trear doe acquaint him therewith."

[1] Robert Moss held with his Preachership, from 1699 till 1708 a Lectureship at St. James, Westminster, from 1708 till 1727 a similar post at St. Lawrence Jewry, from 1713 till his death in 1729 the Deanery of Ely, and from 1714 till that same date the Rectory of Gilston, Herts!

Pension 11th Nov: 1698. Present:—South, Pigeon, Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Busby and Kenrick.

"Ordered that there haveing been an arreare long due to Dr. Wake late Preacher to this Society of forty-five pounds that the Treasurer pay the same sum forthwith."

Mr. Edward Smith and Mr. Thomas Dyose having accepted their call to the Bench and paid their duties and caution money are to have a vote in Pension.

Pension 21st Nov: 1698. Present:—South, Pigeon, etc.

Thomas Peachell called to the Bar.

Pension 3rd Feb: 1698. Present:—Williams, Cooke, Buck, South, Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Folkes, Markham and Owen.

John Bird called to the Bar at the request of Lord Chief Justice Treby.

Robert Lever called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the Chappell be forthwith repaired." A committee appointed to "receive proposalls for such repaireing."

Pension 6th Feb: 1698. Present:—South, Bedingfeild, etc.

Thomas Goodwin and Charles Wood called to the Bar.

Pension 10th Feb: 1698. Present:—Buck, South, Pigeon, Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Busby and Markham.

Thomas Harrison, having been called to the Bench, accepted his call.

"Ordered that the Chappell being much in decay and very ruinous be forthwith taken down soe farr as shall be thought fitt." A committee appointed to call in surveyors, and "repaire alter modell ye said Chappell in the best manner they can," and Mr. Treasurer to furnish out of the money received of the Lady Alli-

bone's fine such sums as the committee may require. The committee is to "agree by the square or otherwise by the great for the performance of the said work."

PENSION 15th May, 1699. Present:—SOUTH, PIGEON, etc.

Thomas Luck called to the Bar.

PENSION 17th May, 1699. Present:—BUCK, PIGEON, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, SPENCER and MARKHAM.

"Ordered that a gutter of lead be placed along the eaves and cantileres on the east side of the Buildings next to Grayes Inne lane extending from the Chappell to ye extreamest north side of the gate house building there to carry of the raine water from decaying ye cantileres and prevent the dripping of the eaves upon the foundac̃on of the said building and that the water be brought down from ye said gutter by leaden pipes affixed to the wall in usuall manner and that the severall proprietors of the said building doe pay theire respective shares and proporc̃ons of the charge thereof."

PENSION 19th May, 1699. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, SPENCER and MARKHAM.

Jethro Tull[1] and Thomas Bean called to the Bar.

The following are fined forty pounds each for either refusing, or neglecting to make answer about, their call to the Bench:—Cotchett Tho., Moreland Geo., Lambton Hen., Burgh Tho., Eveling Robt., Clarke Sam[1], Halford Hen., Wilsby Wm., Dalston Tho., Bodingham Phill., Gifford Tho., Cox Jno., Scrimshire Wm., Howe Tho., Gibbs Marmaduke, Edwards Tho., Sheppard Cha., Twisleton Jno., Amherst Jeff., Beckingham Stephen, Lloyd Ed., Earle Robt.

PENSION 19th June, 1699. Present:—PIGEON, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY and KENRICK.

"Ordered that Mr. John Walker a Barrester of this Society for the disturbance he made in the hall last Satturday night and for the

[1] Jethro Tull was a pioneer in scientific agriculture. He settled, in the year of his call, at Wallingford, and there carried out farming experiments. His work "Horse-hoeing Husbandry" was published in 1733.

reproachfull and contemptuous words he spoke to and of the Bench in and out of the hall be sum̃oned to attend the next Penc̃on to answere the same."

Pension 21st June, 1699. Present:—The above and South, Cooke, Spencer and Markham.

The Pension order against breaking of pots to be screened and put in execution.

Mr. Thomas Gooding called to the Bar.

Mr. Richard Harland having neglected to attend this Pension, after being summoned, to answer his "rude and insolent behaviour in the hall at dinner and supper yesterday, unless he attend the next Pension he is to be expelled the Society."

Pension 23rd June, 1699. Present:—South, Pigeon, etc.

Orlando Greenhalgh called to the Bar.

Pension 26th June, 1699. Present:—South, Bedingfeild, etc.

John Rowe called to the Bar.

Pension 10th Nov: 1699. Present:—South, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Folkes and Markham.

David Johnson called to the Bar.

"Ordered whereas the upper north door[1] of the Chappell standing open in time of Divine Service is found to be very inconvenient by being kept open dureing all the said time That the same door be lockt up every Sunday imediately after the end of the second lesson and not to be opened till the end of the sermon And that Tasburgh till the end of the second lesson attend to open and shutt ye said door accordingly."

[1] This door appears in the older views of the Chapel as affording an entry under the easternmost of the north windows. It was done away with in 1826 when the windows were enlarged.

PENSION 15th Nov: 1699. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Henry Bolt and Leonard Street called to the Bar.

PENSION 7th Feb: 1699. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM and KENRICK.

Francis Fawkes called to the Bar.

"Ordered whereas this Society owes 70ll to Dr. Richardson late Preacher of this Society and the Trẽar hath great occasion and need for more money for the use of the Society and hath not sufficient money in his hands to defray the same That the sum of one hundred pounds of the money for which the Bank of England is indebted to the house be called in and disposed of for paying ye said 70ll and defraying other necessary occasions of this Society."

PENSION 9th Feb: 1699. Present:—WILLIAMS, SOUTH, etc.

Mr. William Bellamy of the Inner Temple admitted to this Society with allowance of the time and commons kept at the Inner Temple.

John Lever called to the Bar.

PENSION 3rd May, 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Finch Umfrey called to the Bar.

PENSION 8th May, 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

William Davison and Isaac Burrowes called to the Bar.

PENSION 10th May, 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Percivall Roughley called to the Bar.

PENSION 10th June, 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Rice Thomas called to the Bar.

PENSION 12th June, 1700. Present:—WILLIAMS, SOUTH, COOKE, SPENCER, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, BOYCE and KENRICK.

John Agar called to the Bar.

Mr. Spencer to be Treasurer from the end of this Trinity term 1700 for one year.

PENSION 14th June, 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Thomas Southouse and Francis Dickens called to the Bar.

PENSION 17th June, 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Richard Harland called to the Bar.

PENSION 30th Oct: 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, SPENCER, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, FOLKES, OWEN, SMITH and DYOSE.

"It being the opinion of this Pencon that the severall offices of steward and cheife Buttler for this Society is more for the good of the house at present to be in one person then in two and Henry Yemes late Steward and cheife Buttler thereof being dead It is therefore ordered that John Beaver who was sixteen yeares in the same office servant to the said Henry Yemes be both Steward and Cheife Buttler for this Society in his place."

PENSION 8th Nov: 1700. Present:—SOUTH, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, SPENCER, CARTER, BUSBY and MARKHAM.

"Ordered that noe Dean of the Chappell hereafter to be chosen shall continue in the same office above two yeares and that he shall give account to the Bench at the end of his office for all moneys by him received dureing the same two yeares And that the Preacher of the house deliver the money given at every Sacrament to the said Dean of the Chappell or if he send such money to ye Dean that he send a note therewith under his hand of all the money soe given."

PENSION 13th Nov: 1700. Present:—The above and COOKE and OWEN.

"Ordered that Mr. Dixon be Dean of the Chappell in the roome of Sir William Williams Barr^tt^, dec̃d for the two next ensueing yeares from this Penc̃on."

PENSION 27th Nov: 1700. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Christopher Bedingfeild called to the Bar.

PENSION 23rd May, 1701.[1] Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Henry Hodgkinson called to the Bar.

PENSION 28th May, 1701. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

Humphrey Davenport called to the Bar.

PENSION 30th May, 1701. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, SPENCER, CARTER, FOLKES and MARKHAM.

"Ordered that the severall proprietors and possessors of the cellars in Coney Court Chappell Court and toward the Walkes and other places in this Society doe forthwith glaze or otherwise stop and inclose the said sellar windowes they lying open and exposed to links torches and other accidents of fire being very dangerous to the Society and for the further prevention of fire they doe putt wire lettices before the glass of the said windowes And it is further ordered that the officer doe forthwith give notice of this order to the severall proprietors aforesaid."

Benjamin Ferrond called to the Bar.

PENSION 27th June, 1701. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, SPENCER, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, FOLKES, BOYSE and KENRICK.

"Ordered that whereas the hono^ble^ Society of the Inner Temple

[1] Two Pensions were held in Hilary term, but no orders of any interest were made.

in Hillary terme last did invite and splendidly entertaine the Bench of this Society for the continuacon of an antient amity and union[1] of the said Societys and according to an antient custome heretofore used: Ordered that Mr. Trear doe send an invitacon by a Barrester of this house to the Trear and Bench of the Inner Temple to supp here on Fryday next being the fowerth of July and that the Trear make such provision and entertainmt as shall be fitt for them to receive and for the Society to give."

Pension 30th June, 1701. Present:—South, Cooke, Spencer, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen and Smith.

Wm. Baines appointed scavenger to this Society.

Mr. Carter to be Treasurer for one year from the end of this term.

Pension 4th July, 1701. Present:—The above.

Thomas Jackson, Joseph Musgrave and George Owen called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the entertainemt of the Bench of the Inner Temple be defferred till the end of next terme."[2]

Pension 7th July, 1701. Present:—The above.

Robert Gregg called to the Bar.

The officers of the Society are to "warne and give notice to forreigners now in the possession of chambers in this house and have families therein to quitt the possession thereof before the first day of Michaelmas terme next and in default thereof the said chambers shall be padlocked up."

Pension 10th Nov: 1701. Present:—South, Cooke, Spencer, Carter, Busby, Markham and Owen.

William Player, Edward Wynne, Thomas Robinson, Lewis

[1] See former volume, pp. 107, 201.

[2] It duly took place. See accounts for 1701-3.

Monox, Rowland Norton, Henry Chetham, Richard Witton, Sir Marmaduke Darrell and Sir Christopher Greenfeild to be summoned to accept their call to the Bench and to read in their turns.

Mr. Thomas Howe admitted to the Bench.

Mr. Thomas Owen called to the Bar.

PENSION 17th Nov: 1701. Present:—SOUTH, BEDINGFEILD, SPENCER, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN and KENRICK.

A committee appointed "to manage the cause in the Exchequer against Sir John Mathewes."[1] Mr. Treasurer to supply the requisite funds for the matter.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1701. Present:—SOUTH, COOKE, etc.

William Haward called to the Bar.

PENSION 4th Feb: 1701. Present:—COOKE, SPENCER, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES, MARKHAM, OWEN and DYOSE.

Parry Broadhead to be second butler and to continue Library Keeper; John Kirkham to be third butler and Chapel Clerk.

Ordered also "that the widdow of Harry Taylor be permitted to attend the Ladys Gallery till the first day of the next terme and then Kirkham to attend the said gallery by such persons as he shall appoint dureing the pleasure of the Bench."

PENSION 6th Feb: 1701. Present:—SPENCER, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES and MARKHAM.

Maurice Colbron, son of the Chapel Reader, to be admitted without fine.

[1] Sir John Matthewes was grantee of the fee farm rent which had been paid by the Society to the Crown after the dissolution of the Convent of Sheen. See former volume, pp. xxviii, xlviii, and references there given. See also order of 8th May, 1702, below. The payment *by* the Society had been balanced by a payment *to* the Society issuing out of the obligation of the convent of St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, to find a chaplain for Gray's Inn Chapel. This latter had not for some thirty years been paid.

Called to be Ancients:—

Smith Altham	Rigby Cha.	Bernard Ed.
Attwood Wm.	Colthurst Tho.	Jessopp Wm.
Clapham Jno.	Randolph Herb.	Otterbourne Robt.
Blackerby Sam.	Constable Robt.	Rayner Jno.
Brewer Jno.	Rotherham Jno.	Major Jno.
Adams Tho.	Hughes Sam.	Ogle Sam.
Warner Jno.	Smelt Jno.	Baggs Jno.
Buttler Rich.	Munson, Geo.	Ayloffe Jos.
Beckwith [Thos.]	Thornton Rich.	Ottway Brath.
Vaughan Rich.	Minshall Wm.	Turner Wm.
Luttrell Narcissus	Thornicrofft Sir Jno.	Helder Rich.
Midleton Jno.	Barrett Geo.	Jones Edm.
Bird James	Atterbury Fr.	Bindlowes Tho.
Rigby Ed.		Branthwaite Arth.

Pension 9th Feb: 1701. Present:—Spencer, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham and Kenrick.

"Ordered that Mr. Gilfred Lawson late knight of the shire for the County of Westmorland be called to the Barr by the favour of the Bench."

Thomas Thornhill called to the Bar.

The scavenger is to have "6d for the two winter termes for every person wch burnes sea coale in theire chambers."

Pension 8th May, 1702. Present:—Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham and Owen.

"Ordered that Cheek Gerrard Esq Master of the Dutchy Office doe hold the Buildinges where the said office is kept with the chambers therewith used dureing the pleasure of the Penc̃on paying the yearly rent of twenty pounds att Michaelmas and Lady day."[1]

Whereas certain "forreigners" have refused to obey the order of 7th July last, "and alsoe other forreigners being scandelous and loose persons have intruded into divers chambers of this house,"

[1] See note on p. 109.

they shall forthwith quit the said chambers, or be turned out of the house, and the chambers seized to the use of the Society.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar doe forthwith pay to Sir John Mathewes Barr^tt^ the suṁe of one hundred pound out of the Treasure of the house in full of a yearly fee farme rent of six pound thirteen shillings and fower pence issueing out of Grayes Inne and the manor Purpoole and in full of all arreares thereof due from the said Society at and untill Mich^as^ last past And for wch a suite has been long depending in the Court of Exchequer between Sir John Mathewes as grantee from the Crown and the said Society and for his soe doeing this order shall be his sufficient warrant."

Pension 13th May, 1702. Present:—Cooke, Bedingfeild, etc.

John Fawcett called to the Bar.

Pension 15th May, 1702. Present:—Cooke, Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen and Dyose.

"Whereas Mr. Colbron the Reader of this Society hath given notice of his leaveing his Readershipp and to depart from the house tomorrow It is ordered that Mr. Moss be desired by Mr. Trẽar to provide some person to supply the said place of Readershipp for the Society till the next terme to the end in the intrim the Bench may consider whom they shall putt in Mr. Colbron's place."

Pension 12th June, 1702. Present:—South, Bedingfeild, Spencer, Carter, Busby, Markham and Owen.

Mr. Adam Buddle appointed Reader in place of Mr. Colbron.

"The Bench takeing notice and being informed as well by ye complaint of the Barr mess in the hall as by theire own observations" that strangers intrude themselves into the Chapel and are seated by the officers before the members of the Society can come to the Chapel "whereby the said gentlemen are either wholly excluded or forced to sitt in the allies and alsoe that the Judges and Serjeants seats and other seats in the gallery are intruded upon" it is ordered

"That from henceforth the foremost seat and second seat in the gallery on the right hand be kept for the Judges and Serjeants only and the other seats in the said gallery for strangers being gentlemen of quallity That the three seats under the said gallery and if need require the first seat on the other side next the Communion table be kept for the Bench and such gentlemen of quality as shall be brought in by some of the Bench That all the other seats in the upper part of the Chappell be kept for the Antients of the house or such other gentlemen of quality as shall be brought in by them That the two uppermost seates on each side in the lower Chappell be kept for the Barresters and the other seats for the students and gentlemen of the house under the Barr And that noe stranger be admitted into any seat in the lower Chappell untill after the end of the first lesson." Also that "the foremost seat in the Ladys gallery be kept for the Judges Serj^{ts} and Benchers wives in the first place and afterward for weomen of the best quality who are strangers and that the other seats in the said gallery backwards be for ye wives and freinds of other gentlemen of the house and strangers according to their degrees and quality and that noe other person be seated there."

Pension 16th Nov: 1702. Present:—Bedingfeild, Carter, Busby, Folkes, Markham and Owen.

Mr. Thomas Howe and Mr. William Player having accepted their call to the Bench and paid their caution money are to have a vote in Pension.

Mr. Treasurer is desired to have a chamber repaired for Mr. Buddle the Reader.

Pension 25th Nov: 1702. Present:—Cooke, Bedingfeild, etc.

Mr. Jeffery Amherst called to the Bar.

Pension 27th Nov: 1702. Present:—Cooke, Bedingfeild, Carter, Busby, Markham, Owen and Kenrick.

Whereas the chamber in the possession of Mr. Wm. Clarke was seized for arrears of duties and has been twice broken open again by him and for other contemptuous behaviour "in the hall when the

Society was met together and in the Chappell," the said Mr. Wm. Clarke is expelled this Society.[1]

PENSION 5th Feb: 1702. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN and PLAYER.

Mr. Edward Smith to be Dean of the Chapel for two years to come, in place of Mr. Dixon.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1702. Present:—The above.

Thomas Sclater called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Beaver the Steward doe take to his assistance one or more of the officers of the house and once in three weekes or a month in this next vacacon doe goe with them into the feilds called Gravell Pitt Feilds beyond the Walkes and there to see and enquire if any new buildings are about to be erected on any part of the said feilds or on or nigh the high way leadeing from Kings Gate near Grayes Inne lane to middle Kings Gate And if they find any persons at worke upon such new erecting buildings That they doe forthwith forbid them and such other person or persons who imploy y^m in such work to proceed any further therein And doe alsoe imediately give notice thereof to such of the Bench as are in town and take and observe theire directions what to doe therein."

PENSION 7th June, 1703. Present:—BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN and SMITH.

Peter Hughes, having produced a *bene decessit* from Lincoln's Inn is admitted to this Society.

Mr. Henry Chetham has accepted his call to the Bench.

"Upon the motion of Mr. Carter present Trear to be discharged of his Treasurershipp Ordered and resolved by the unanimous consent of this Pencon that he continue Trear for the yeare ensueinge and that his accounts be auditted by the gentlemen of the Bench or any three of them on Fryday after ye terme."

Richard Brookes called to the Bar.

[1] Clarke brought an action against the Treasurer. See accounts for 1703-4. See also order of 26th Nov: 1694 and note.

PENSION 9th June, 1703. Present:—COOKE, BEDINGFIELD, etc.

Thomas Meredith called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th June, 1703. Present:—COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, etc.

Francis Forcer, Peter Hughes, and John Brougham called to the Bar.

PENSION 14th June, 1703. Present:—BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN and KENRICK.

The accounts of every Treasurer are to be audited by three Benchers of whom one at least shall have been Treasurer before, and they are to require "vouchers or a very reasonable proofe of every paym^t of every sum̃e above the value of 40^s." The allowance of the accounts by the auditors is not to be final until confirmed by Pension. Further, at the audit "all the plate belonging to this Society shall be produced by an inventory thereof and such inventory entred in the Auditt Booke."

It is declared that Mr. Thomas Dyose, who was allowed to count his two years' membership of Staple Inn towards his time required for call to the Bar, is not to have seniority over those called simultaneously with him to the Bench on the ground that the said allowance enabled him to reckon his admittance and call to the Bar as preceding theirs.

PENSION 29th Oct: 1703. Present:—CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN, KENRICK, SMITH, DYOSE and PLAYER.

"Ordered that Mr. Tho. Goodall a Barrester of this Society be and is hereby chosen Master of the Revells for the next Grand day and yeare insueing."

Ordered that "all gentlemen of the house having chambers or are *visus in villa* doe appeare in com̃ons ye next Grand Day and weeke or in default thereof to be cast into com̃ons for theire com̃ons and exceedings And that noe dishes of meat be carried out of the hall to any place save the buttry Stewards Roome or Gallery."

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1703. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Robert Conaway called to the Bar.

Thomas Robinson to be admitted to the Bench and to a vote in Pension.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1703. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, etc.

John Gardiner and John Clarkson called to the Bar.

PENSION 24th May, 1704. Present:—COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, etc.

John Wale and Richard Witton called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th May, 1704. Present:—BEDINGFIELD, CARTER, etc.

Richard Wilson called to the Bar.

PENSION 21st June, 1704. Present:—COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, etc.

Mr. Henry Chetham to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 26th June, 1704. Present:—COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, OWEN, KENRICK, SMITH, HOWE, DYOSE, ROBINSON and CHETHAM.

Mr. Martin Folkes elected Treasurer.

"Ordered that for the future noe gentleman of the Bench be Treasurer unless he have a chamber in the Society in his own right by imediate order or licence from the Bench and be actually resident in such chamber dureing the time y^t^ he is Treasurer."

PENSION 30th June, 1704. Present:—BEDINGFEILD, DIXON, etc.

Robert Booth called to the Bar.

PENSION 3rd July, 1704. Present:—COOKE, BEDINGFEILD, CARTER, BUSBY, MARKHAM, FOLKES, OWEN, KENRICK, SMITH, DYOSE, ROBINSON and CHETHAM.

John Bell, Cuthbert Ogle, and William Chambers called to the Bar.

"Ordered that there be a new gate forthwith made by the gardiners house goeing out of the Walkes in Grayes Inn lane and alsoe a new door by Mr. Cookes chamber goeing towards Warwick Court and the Trẽar to take care to see it done."

"Ordered that Sir Wm. Williams Barr^{t} have a terme of 21 yeares to comence from Lady Day last in the severall respective chambers in Dennys Building in Holbourne Court and the cellar under the Dutchy Office as [are] hereinafter described for the severall fines and rents hereinafter expressed that is to say, for the ground chamber £20 fine and 20^{s} a yeare rent, for the chamber one story £25 fine and £1 10^{s} 0^{d} rent, for the chamber two story £13 fine and £1 0 0 rent, for the chamber 3 story £10 fine and 13^{s} 4^{d} rent, for the garrett £5 and 3^{s} 4^{d} rent, for the chamber 3 stories on the other side of the staircase £12 fine and 13^{s} 4^{d} rent, for the garret over it £5 fine and 2^{s} 6^{d} rent, for the cellar £10 fine and 5^{s} rent, the said fines to be paid before the end of the terme otherwise this order to be void."

"Ordered that Martin Fowlkes Esqr haveing been chose Trẽar of this Society and refuseing to accept of the office be fined the sum̃e of forty pounds to be forthwith paid to the present Trẽar."

"Ordered that Tho. Owen Esqre be Trẽar for the yeare ensueing."

"Ordered that this Penc̃on be adjourned till Wensday night next."

Pension 5th July, 1704. Present:—Cooke, Bedingfeild, Dixon, Carter, Busby, Folkes, Markham, Owen, Kenrick, Robinson and Chetham.

"Ordered that the former orders of the last Penc̃on whereby Mr. Fowlkes was fined forty pounds for refuseing to be Trẽar and Mr. Owen was chosen Treasurer for the yeare ensueing be hereby repealed And it is further ordered that Martin Folkes Esq be Treasurer for the yeare ensueing to begin from Tuesday next."

Pension 6th Nov: 1704. Present:—Cooke, Carter, Folkes, Howe, Smith and Robinson.

Called to be Ancients:—Townly Jno., Gardiner Jno. [Chas. ?],

Frank Robt., Hatfeild Jno., Ashely Hen., Stedall Rog., Lloyd Rich., Fenwick Jno., Howgrave Tho., Napleton Tho., Bolt Hen., Barker Robt., Williams Jno., Card And., Starkey Nic., Everard Edm., Bacon Waller, Alleyn Jno., Lovell Sam., Walpool Jno., Nelson Eph., Jackson Tho., Williams Peer, Gilby Wm., Newton Hen., Walmesly Jno., Wilkinson And., Kendall Maurice, Coply Edm., Gill Tho., Jenkins Tho., Smithson Hugh, Mollineux Tho., Jones Robt., Driffeild Chr., Stillington Tho., Marriott Wm., Raymond Robt., Staniforth Jonath., Hastings Jno., Burton And., Gipps Rich. (mil.)

PENSION 17th Nov: 1704. Present:—COOKE, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES, MARKHAM, OWEN and PLAYER.

John Brewer, a member, is "discharged of castings-in and pensions for his chamber in Coney Court now the Pipe Office for the time past and to come while the office is kept in itt."

PENSION 24th Nov: 1704. Present:—COOKE, BUSBY, etc.

Robert Gibson called to the Bar.

Lewis Monox, having paid his fees, to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1704. Present:—CARTER, FOLKES, MARKHAM, OWEN, PLAYER, MONOX and CHETHAM.

"Ordered that the twenty fower pounds two shillings levyed by distress upon the goods of Sam[l] Heyrick lately dec[d] be given to his poor widdow as a benevolence from the Society."

John Twisleton having refused a call to the Bench is fined £40.

"Ordered that the land tax charged on any chamber in y[e] hands of this Society as well as houses shopps and ground belonging to the same w[ch] are lett out at a yearly rack rent That the severall tennants in possession of any of y[e] said Chambers houses shopps and ground they paying the said land tax shall be allowed the same out of the rent w[ch] they pay to the Society."

John Burgh of the Inner Temple admitted at half-fine.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1704. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, etc.

Bernard Hale called to the Bar.

PENSION 16th May, 1705. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES, MARKHAM, HOWE, PLAYER, ROBINSON, and CHETHAM.

Robert Muchall called to the Bar.

Mr. Ralph Cooke appointed Dean of the Chapel.

"Ordered that the gardiner of this Society admitt noe ordinary men women or children into the Walkes and that he keepe the Walkes in better order for the future or the Bench will remove him."

John Brewer permitted to assign his interest in a chamber, one pair of stairs, No. 5, Coney Court, "now the Pipe Office," to Mr. Beversham Filmer.

PENSION, 18th May, 1705. Present:—COOKE, CARTER, etc.

Andrew Burton called to the Bar.

PENSION 22nd June, 1705. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, BUSBY, FOLKES, MARKHAM, KENRICK, ROBINSON and MONOX.

Charles Kenrick elected Treasurer for one year to come.

PENSION 25th June, 1705. Present:—The same Benchers.

John Darley, William Eyre and John Douglasse called to the Bar.

PENSION 7th Nov: 1705. Present:—CARTER, FOLKES, KENRICK, HOWE, ROBINSON and MONOX.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar be desired to fitt up and furnish the chamber over the passage into the hall for the use of the Benchers."[1]

PENSION 14th Nov: 1705. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, KENRICK, HOWE, PLAYER and MONOX.

The Bench agrees with "Mist the pavier" that he shall "breake up the pitching in Grayes Inn lane and that at Holbourne gate and

[1] This order seems, from the accounts, to have been carried out. But it does not appear that Pensions were held in this room. See order of 1st June, 1709.

new pitch them" at one shilling per yard; Mist to keep the pitching in good repair for one year afterwards *gratis*.

PENSION 19th Nov: 1705. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, FOLKES, MARKHAM, KENRICK, PLAYER and MONOX.

"Ordered that Mr. Buddle the Reader of this Society have five pounds given him by the Trēar to supply his extraordinary occasions as the bounty of the house."

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1705. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

William Sacheverell called to the Bar.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1705. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, SMITH, ROBINSON and MONOX.

A committee appointed to consider the best way to make a passage for coaches to come into Coney and Chapel Courts.[1]

PENSION 11th Feb: 1705. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, FOLKES, KENRICK, ROBINSON and MONOX.

William Greenfeild and Edward Spencer called to the Bar.

Mr. Ed. Chetham, Mr. Josua Ireland, Mr. Robt. Newdigate, Mr. Sam[l] Blackerby, Mr. Ed. Rigby, Mr. John Brewer, Mr. Richard Cox, Mr. John Manly, Mr. John Osbourne, Mr. Thomas Adams, Mr. Edward Bernard, Mr. Lewis West, Mr. Richard Buttler, Mr. Richard Vaughan and Mr. Narcissus Luttrell to be called to the Bench, paying one hundred marks and all duties. They are to attend at the first Pension of next term to accept their call.

Sir Cheeke Gerrard, Barr[t], called to be an Associate to the Bench.

PENSION 29th April, 1706. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, etc.

George Gray and Thomas Howe called to the Bar.

[1] *I.e.*, no doubt, from Holborn Court. Nothing seems to have been done.

PENSION 3rd May, 1706. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, SMITH, PLAYER and ROBINSON.

"Ordered that Mr. Cooke be continued Dean of the Chappell for one other yeare."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar be desired to take to his assistance proper workmen to view and measure Grayes Inne hall and compute what the charges will be to wainescott with Norway oak and large pannells and report it the first Penc̃on next terme."[1]

PENSION 3rd June, 1706. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Roger Williams, Barrister of the Middle Temple, having produced certificates of his admission and call, is admitted to this Society "with allowance of the same time and to the same degree."

PENSION 5th June, 1706. Present:—COOKE, MARKHAM, etc.

Robert Pescodd and John Bridges called to the Bar.

PENSION 10th June, 1706. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, ROBINSON and MONOX.

The present Treasurer, Mr. Kenrick, to be continued in his office for another year.

Committee appointed "to treat and contract with such workmen as they shall thinke fitt for new wainescoateing mending and adorning the hall soe that the worke be finished before the first day of Mich^as^ terme next."[1]

John Lewis is granted a term of 21 years in a house, sheds and yard "att the east end of the Bowling Alley now converted into a garden belonging to this Society," entering into a bond in the penalty of £50 to keep the premises in good repair.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1706. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, ROBINSON and MONOX.

"Ordered that the Trẽar provide two convenient silver salvers for collecting the Sacrament money."

[1] The wainscot then put up, with its "large pannells," substituted for the small ones of 1560, is that which is now to be seen in the Hall. It cost £67 13s.

PENSION 7th Feb: 1706. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, HOWE and MONOX.

Richard Vaughan admitted to sit and vote in Pension.

Robert Raikes called to the Bar.

PENSION 23rd May, 1707. Present:—COOKE, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, SMITH, ROBINSON and MONOX.

Richard Musgrave called to the Bar.

Mr. Thomas Carter appointed Dean of the Chapel.

PENSION 20th June, 1707. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, SMITH and ROBINSON.

Mr. Edward Smith appointed Treasurer.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar doe pay to John Beaver the Steward of this Society the sum̃e of twelve pounds for his great paines in transcribeing the orders of this Society for 23 yeares and makeing a table thereunto And that for the future the Steward of this Society doe enter the orders of this Society every vacac̃on of the preceedent terme."

PENSION 25th June, 1707. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, HOWE, MONOX and HOLT.

"Ordered that Edward Harcourt for his insolent behaviour to severall gentlemen of this Society in preferring strangers to theire places in the Chappell be discharged from his office and is hereby discharged therefrom."

"Ordered that the Trẽar pay forty pounds unto Doctor Moss in part of arreares due to him."

PENSION 27th June, 1707. Present:—The above.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar pay the bill for the conick lights for the yeare last past," and contract for the year ensuing at the lowest rate possible.

George Lort and John Bond called to the Bar.

Pension 30th June, 1707. Present:—Dixon, Carter, Markham, Kenrick, Monox and Holt.

Edward Harcourt "upon his humble peticon submission and acknowledgment of his fault" is permitted to execute his former offices in the Hall and Chapel.[1]

The order of 7th June, 1702, about the seats in the Chapel to be screened.

The gardener is to cut the lime trees "next the Tarrass Walke flat and even at the topps."

Pension 14th Nov: 1707. Present:—Cooke, Dixon, Carter, Kenrick, Smith, Howe, Player, Robinson, Vaughan and Holt.

Elizabeth Yemes to be keeper of the Ladies' gallery in the Chapel. Thomas Weston to be continued Clerk of the Chapel.

"Ordered that the five old decayed elmes in the Walkes that are broke in the midle be cutt down and lime trees set in theire places."

Pension 24th Nov: 1707. Present:—Dixon, Carter, Markham, Kenrick, Smith, Robinson, Holt and Vaughan.

A committee appointed to "view a convenient place about that part where ye seates now are on the south side of the Tarras Walke to erect and make an arbour seate with pallasadoes and Dutch elmes and that they order the same to be done and report theire doeings therein the first Pencon next terme."

Pension 26th Nov: 1707. Present:—Cooke, Dixon, Carter, Markham, Smith, Holt, Robinson and Vaughan.

"Ordered that the gentlemen underwritten be called to the Bench they first paying each of them one hundred markes and all dutyes to the House and to take theire places according to theire

[1] He was "panyerman."

seniority in this call And that they do appeare at ye first Pencon of the next terme in order to accept theire said call vizt

Randolph Herbert	Rotherham Jno.
Marriott William	Thornton Ric.
Constable Robert	Thornicroft Jno. (Barr^t)
Hughes Saml	Gipps Rich. (mil.)
Munson Geo.	Barrett Geo."

PENSION 4th Feb: 1707. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, etc.

Willie Revely of Lincoln's Inn admitted to this Society with allowance of the time since his admittance at Lincoln's Inn.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1707. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Jacob Buttler called to the Bar.

PENSION 12th May, 1708. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, SMITH, PLAYER and ROBINSON.

Mr. William Marriott admitted to the Bench and a vote in Pension.

PENSION 14th May, 1708. Present:—COOKE, CARTER, etc.

William Oldfeild called to the Bar.

PENSION 14th June, 1708. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, SMITH, ROBINSON, MONOX and VAUGHAN.

The gentlemen who have accepted their call to the Bench are to pay their caution money before next Pension and those who have been called but have not accepted are to attend next Pension or be fined.

The porters are, in time of Divine Service, to "keep shutt the inner door at the lower end of the Chappell untill the first lesson is over to prevent weomen and other people from crowding in whereby

gentlemen are hindred from comeing to theire seates." They are also "at all times to hinder loose and idle people from lurking about the house and not suffer horses to be led or ridd through nor hackney coaches to come in only to turn or tubbs of drink or empty tubbs or burthens to be carried through the house."

PENSION 21st June, 1708. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, etc.

Robert Bloise called to the Bar.

The present Treasurer, Mr. E. Smith, to continue in office another year.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1708. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, SMITH, ROBINSON, MONOX, VAUGHAN and MARRIOTT.

"Upon the peticon of the gentlemen of the Bar in behalfe of this Society representing that by reason of the great increase of new buildings neare Grayes Inn but more especially on the north and north-west sides thereof this Society is in danger of being deprived of the benefitt of the free and open air from the feilds and consequently their Walkes rendred useless by the encroachment of such new buildings" the Bench recommended the formation of a joint Committee of the Bench, Bar, and Students to consider the matter. Whereupon two Ancients, Robert Raymond and Henry Boult, two Barristers, Phillip Tully and Roger Williams, and two students, Beversham Filmer and Robert Eden, were chosen. These are now, with such of the Bench as shall be in town, to consider "whether to exhibit a bill in Chancery in order to obteyne a decree upon the agreem^t made or treated about on ye proposeall of ye late Ld Chancelour Jeffreys or to endeavour to obteyn an Act of Parliament or what other course is most proper to prevent such incroachment as aforesaid" and to "prosecute such expedients as they shall judge best" at the expense of the House "And ye said comittee are alsoe to have the use of ye Pencon Chamber to meet in" and the servants are to attend and assist them.

PENSION 7th Feb: 1708. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Called to the Bar:—James Lightbown, William Plumer, John Thornhill, Beversham Filmer and Edward Phillipps.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1708. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, SMITH, ROBINSON, VAUGHAN and MARRIOTT.

John Walker, Andrew Wither, James Denner and John Ellis Esq^{rs} are added to the Committee appointed 26th November last. And the said Committee is "to sit *de die in diem* for the dispatch of the affair."

PENSION 1st June, 1709. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, MARKHAM, SMITH, HOWE, PLAYER and VAUGHAN.

Mr. Geo. Wigmore, "haveing carried himselfe very scandilously in our Walkes," is expelled the Society.

John Smith called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the Steward be allowed for the fewell used in the Library at Penc̃ons and other meetings."

PENSION 4th June, 1709. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, SMITH, PLAYER and MARRIOTT.

Robert Low called to the Bar.

Mr. Rowland Holt to be Treasurer.

"Ordered upon ye desire of the gentlemen of the house that Fullers Rents Gate be not for ye future shutt till 11 at night and Holbourn Gate not to be shutt before 12 at night."

PENSION 6th July, 1709. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, SMITH, HOLT, ROBINSON, MONOX, VAUGHAN and MARRIOTT.

Mark Roach and Charles Usher called to the Bar.

"Whereas there is 100^{ll} in the Bank of England owing to this Society It is ordered that Mr. Trẽar doe receive 60^{ll} thereof and pay the same unto Dr. Moss in part of ye arrear due to him." The rent of the Chamber held by Dr. Moss is to be "discounted out of the arrear further due to him."

"Ordered that the trees at ye side of the Terras Walke standing on the border next the new planted row of Dutch elmes and answerable to the same be cutt down and ye ground prepared against ye next season for planting of ye like row of Dutch elmes there."

The following gentlemen to be called to the Bench and to attend the next Pension to accept their call:—Richard Helder, Joseph Ayloffe, Brathwaite Otway, Wm. Turner, Jno. Williams, Tho. Napleton, Hen. Ashley, Hen. Boult, And. Card, Nich. Starkey, Waller Bacon, Tho. Jackson, Wm. Peer Williams, Hugh Smithson, Wm. Gilby, Gregory Geering, Tho. Jenkins, Robt. Raymond, Jno. Hastings.

Pension 8th July, 1709. Present:—Cooke, Carter, Markham, Smith, Robinson and Monox.

Francis Low called to the Bar.

Mr. Andrew Card having accepted his call to the Bench is allowed time till next term to pay his caution money.

Called to the grave company of Ancients:—Jessopp Wm., Metcalfe Jno., Booth Nath., Julyan Wm., Phillipps Wm., Kenyon Geo., Tyrill Cha., Pawlett Rich., Hilton Ch., Stephens Walter, Walker Jno., Horton Elkana, Wogan Wm., Preistly Wm., Wither And., Aspin Wm., Branthwaite Wm., Wogan Jno.[1]

Pension 11th July, 1709. Present:—Dixon, Carter, Markham, Kenrick, Smith, Holt, Robinson, Monox and Marriott.

The Committee, appointed to hinder building near Gray's Inn Walks, to be revived and to report to Pension next term.

Mr. Richard Helder having accepted his call to the Bench is allowed till next term to pay his caution money.

Mr. Carter to continue Dean of the Chapel.

[1] This was the last call of Ancients at Gray's Inn. For their position under the old system see index to former volume and passages there noted. The status, at Gray's Inn, had always been attained by a definite call which, before the civil war, had, perhaps, marked as distinct a step-up in a member's career as call to the Bar. For some time previous to 1709, however, the only advantage enjoyed by an Ancient, as such, would have been admission to a special table in the Hall and special pews in the Chapel; while on the other hand call to the Bar came later than formerly (see p. 17), and the old rule that none should plead in Court till he had been five years a Barrister had been first altered by the substitution of three for five, and then, one gathers, had been dropped; William Cowper, afterwards Lord Chancellor, for instance, held a brief in the King's Bench within a month of his call to the Bar, and Simon Harcourt was not much less speedy. The result was that call to the Bar became a more significant event.

PENSION 4th Nov: 1709. Present:—COOKE, SMITH, HOLT, ROBINSON, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT and CARD.

Mr. Andrew Card,[1] having paid his caution money, is admitted to vote in Pension.

Samuel Browning called to the Bar.

PENSION 21st Nov: 1709. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, HOLT, ROBINSON, MONOX and MARRIOTT.

Mr. Robert Raymond[2] admitted to his vote in Pension.

PENSION 25th Nov: 1709. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Stevens, John Maud and George Dashwood.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1709. Present:—COOKE, DIXON, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Roger Coningsby, Willie Revely, Henry Eden.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1709. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, ROBINSON, MONOX, MARRIOTT, CARD and JACKSON.

Mr. Thomas Jackson admitted to vote in Pension.

Mr. Marmaduke Horsley called to the Bar.

Mr. Henry Boult, having accepted his call to the Bench, is allowed time till the end of next term to pay his caution money.

[1] Roger North tells a story of Francis North, afterwards Lord Keeper, riding home from a dinner and falling asleep on his horse's back. The horse walked into a pond and began drinking. "Mr. Andrew Card, now an eminent practiser of conveyancing in Gray's Inn, and then Mr. Coleman's clerk, came up in time enough to get the horse out of the pond before he (North) fell off; else he had been lost: for which service his lordship ever had a value for Mr. Card."

[2] Robert Raymond, son of Sir Thomas, had been admitted to the Society while only in the tenth year of his age in 1682. In 1710 he entered Parliament and was made Solicitor-General. In 1720 he was made Attorney-General, in 1724 a Justice of the King's Bench, and in 1725 Chief Justice. Five years later he was created Baron Raymond of Abbots Langley.

PENSION 17th May, 1710. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Lewkner Lestrange, Oley Douglass, Arthur Branthwaite.

PENSION 19th May, 1710. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, etc.

Dennis Daly, son of Dennis Daly, late a Judge of the Common Pleas (Ireland), admitted to the Bar *ex gratiâ*.

PENSION 19th June, 1710. Present:—CARTER, DIXON, SMITH, ROBINSON, MONOX and MARRIOTT.

"Ordered that Robert Raymond Esq her Maties Soll^r^ General have leave to assigne his chamber N° 2 in Coney Court, a ground chamber"[1] to Roger Coningsby.

PENSION 23rd June, 1710. Present:—COOKE, CARTER, MARKHAM, SMITH, ROBINSON, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT and CARD.

Called to the Bar:—Henry Negus.

Mr. Rowland Holt to continue Treasurer for another year.

Mr. Thomas Carter to continue Dean of the Chapel for another year.

"Whereas by the antient orders and usuage of this Society noe wine has been ever demanded of or allowed by ye house either to the Antients or Barr in ye hall at meales except one glass to the Antients and one to the Barr saveing upon Grand dayes only untill very lately y^t^ ye one glass allowed to ye Antients and ye like to the Barr has been increased to a Bottle to each of ye said two tables att dinner only wch allowance has been accepted by the Antients and Barristers respectively at their own request in full of the allowance of such glasses at dinner and supper as aforesaid Yet the Bench takeing notice of late y^t^ ye Antients and Barr doe very frequently send up to desire of ye Bench bottles of wine at their pleasure and

[1] It was the north ground chamber.

discretion a practice never used till very lately and alwaies unwarrantable by the usuage and custome of ye house as aforesaid and wch is now groweing towards an excess It is therefore ordered that from henceforth noe wine be sent to ye Antients or Barr, unless uppon Grand dayes, upon any request from thence but one bottle to ye Antients and one to ye Barr" unless the Benchers present do so without being asked. When none of the Bench are in the hall no more than the said one bottle to the Ancients and one to the Bar is ever to be allowed.

PENSION 24th Nov: 1710. Present:—CARTER, HOLT, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, CARD and JACKSON.

Called to the Bar:—Wm. Durrant, Wm. Bromfeild, Wm. Fisher.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar for the time being be authorised to accept of three pounds six shillings and eight pence as formerly in full of the fine for admittances over and above the fees to the Trẽars clarke and the stamp duty and for any comeing from another Inn of Court or Chauncery to accept halfe fines for their admittances."

"Ordered that from and after the end of this term noe more wine be provided for the Bench table at the charge of the House untill the Society be in a better condiẽon to defray ye expense thereof according to an order formerly made in the like case except on Grand dayes and when a strange preacher dines in the Hall."

PENSION 7th Feb., 1710. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, etc.

John Hastings accepts his call to the Bench.

Called to the Bar:—Arthur Player, James Cawley and Guy Vane.

PENSION 7th May, 1711. Present:—MARKHAM, HOLT, SMITH, MARRIOTT, CARD and JACKSON.

Mr. Richard Helder admitted to his vote in Pension.

PENSION 10th May, 1711. Present:—MARKHAM, HOLT, etc.

Richard Bonython called to the Bar.

Thomas Macnemara called to the Bar *ex gratiâ.*

PENSION 11th May, 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, HELDER, CARD and JACKSON.

"Ordered y^t^ according to ye antient rules of this Society the gardiner admitt no ordinary men women or children into the Walkes nor noe lewd or confident women nor any in vizor maskes nor any person whatsoever when ye Walkes are wett nor suffer ye same at any time to be made a thorrowfare And that he loke better after ye Walkes and keep y^m^ well gravelled and in better order for ye future And that he suffer noe person to breake any boughs from young trees."

PENSION 15th June, 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Thomas Metcalfe called to the Bar.

Samuel Mabbatt, stationer, to have a term of twenty-one years in the shop lately leased to Mr. Charles Clare "in Holbourn Court by the Hall door."

PENSION 18th June, 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER and JACKSON.

Mr. Thomas Howe to be Treasurer from the end of the present term in succession to Mr. Rowland Holt.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Overtures being expected "about takeing a lease of some ground in the Walkes for building an office for the Stamp Office" the Benchers who shall be in town at the time are authorized to treat.

Thomas Caldecott called to the Bar *ex gratia.*

PENSION 4th Feb: 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Mr. William Turner accepts his call to the Bench.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, MONOX and CARD.

"Ordered that all such gentlemen as are in arreare for publique taxes doe pay the same before the next Penc̃on and in default thereof y^t distresses be made on them for the same or such other courses taken against them as by the acts of Parliment are directed."

"Ordered that Rowland Holt Esqre haveing executed the office of Trẽar of this Society for the two last termes (Mr. How being not well) bee continued in the said office of Trẽar to the end of Trinity term next."

PENSION 11th Feb., 1711. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, MONOX, MARRIOTT, HELDER and JACKSON.

Edward Short called to the Bar *ex gratia*.

Gregory Geering admitted to vote in Pension.

The "old buildings in Holbourn Court called Davenports and Buttlers Buildings" to be pulled down.[1]

"Ordered that Mr. Dermer Mr. Vane Mr. Brougham and Mr. Filmer being this day at ye Barr mess at dinner in ye Hall and riseing and goeing out of the Hall in a contemptuous manner before Grace was said at the Bench table be sum̃oned to appeare and answer such their contempt at ye next Penc̃on."[2]

[1] The effect of this order may be observed by comparing J. Bowles' view of the Inn (1710) with that of Sutton Nichols (1725).

[2] The rule, which still prevails at Gray's Inn, that none should leave the Hall before Grace was said, is here for the first time distinctly referred to in the records. It is, no doubt, of much earlier date than 1712. The Graces, dating probably from pre-reformation days, run thus: *Benedic, Domine, nos et haec tua dona quae de bonitate tuâ sumpturi sumus. Amen*, and *Agimus tibi gratias, Omnipotens Deus, pro donis tuis, per Jesum Christum, Dominum nostrum. Amen.*

PENSION 7th July, 1712.[1] Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, MONOX, MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD and JACKSON.

Thomas Place called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Rowland Holt Esqre be continued Treasurer to the end of Trinity term next."

"Ordered that comons for Mich^as term next shall begin on ye first Satturday night next after ye beginning of that term and not before."

PENSION 11th July, 1712. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD and JACKSON.

William Gilby and Thomas Jenkins accept call to the Bench.

"Ordered that Wm. King Esqre a member of this Society being Batchelor of Civill Law of the University of Oxford and of D^rs standing there be admitted to the Barr by the grace and favour of the Bench."

Thomas Carter, Esq., to be continued Dean of the Chapel for another year.

PENSION 19th Nov: 1712. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

William Swinbourne called to the Bar.

PENSION 6th Feb: 1712. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, KENRICK, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT and CARD.

William Turner admitted to vote in Pension.

Robert Legard called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th May, 1713. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

William Gilby and Thomas Jenkins admitted to vote in Pension.

[1] Pensions were held in Easter term, but no business of any interest was done.

PENSION 15th May, 1713. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MARKHAM, HOLT, CARD, HELDER, JACKSON, GILBY and JENKINS.

"In as much as the Courts of Justice sitt now much latter then formerly it is ordered that the hour of dineing in this Society shall the next term be at 2 of the clock precisely" and that "the call be at one instead of twelve of the clock."[1]

John Shepheard called to the Bar of grace.

PENSION 19th June, 1713. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

"Ordered that William Bridges Esqre one of the six clarkes in Chancery being of full standing in the Middle Temple and haveing p̃formed his exercises and paid all dutyes there and since transfered himselfe and become a member of this Society be admitted to the Bar."

PENSION 22nd June, 1713. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

John Christian called to the Bar.

Ordered that the "Estreat Office" be exempted from castings into commons.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1713. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

William Hendley called to the Bar.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1713. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, HOLT, MONOX, MARRIOTT, HELDER, TURNER and JACKSON.

Andrew Hamilton called to the Bar by grace.

Lewis Monox chosen Treasurer from this date for the year ensuing.

[1] In Charles II's time the court of King's Bench is described as sitting from eight to twelve (North's "Lives," vol. i, p. 139). Evelyn mentions the trial of the seven Bishops as lasting "from 9 in the morning to past six in the evening," but this was, no doubt, exceptional. In Queen Anne's reign, however, judges certainly sat in court after dinner. In the above order "the call" evidently means the call to the Bar. Calls could take place at any Pension. Two o'clock was the usual dinner hour of the upper middle class at this period, though fine ladies dined later. Compare, *e.g.*, the citizen's, and Clarinda's, diaries in "Spectator," 4th and 11th March, 1711-12.

PENSION 8th May, 1714. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, etc.

Thomas Whitehead, formerly of Lincoln's Inn, called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th June, 1714. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, KENRICK, MONOX, MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD, GILBEY and JENKINS.

Mr. Thomas Stevens to have a lease of "the chambers in Sackford's Buildings and next the gallery," "with liberty for the House to make use of the great chambers on Grand days and to goe into the gallery next the Hall.

PENSION 14th June, 1714. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

William Busby called to the Bar.

PENSION 19th June, 1714. Present:—DIXON, MARKHAM, MONOX, MARRIOTT, HELDER, GYLBY, TURNER and JENKINS.

"Ordered that George Woodward have liberty to build the void space of ground in Feild Court opposite to Warwick Court from the old spectacle shopp there to the nich in the wall of ye Walkes against the Lady Allibones feild leaveing a space of thirteen feet for a visto into the Walkes from Warwick Court," and to have a lease of forty-two years in the ground and buildings at an annual rent of three shillings for each foot of frontage upon conditions laid down.[1]

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1714. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

William Burt called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1714. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

"Ordered that Mr. Francis Foot a member of this Society tho' not of full standing yet haveing taken the degree of Master of

[1] The buildings erected under this order were, I take it, those now known as Nos. 1 and 2 Gray's Inn Place. They appear in Sutton Nichols' view of the Inn (1725), but not in that of Bowles (1710).

Arts in the University of Cambridge and being of more than Dr. of Civil Laws standing there be by the grace and favour of the Bench admitted to the Barr and published accordingly."

PENSION 4th Feb: 1714. Present:—CARTER, SMYTH, MONOX, MARRIOTT, CARD, GYLBY and JENKINS.

"Ordered that Thomas Barrett Esqre son and heire of George Barrett Esqre a Bencher of this Society who paid his caution money and dyd before he took his place at the Bench be admitted *gratis*."

Mr. John Hastings to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1714. Present:—CARTER, MONOX, HELDER, CARD, GILBY and HASTINGS.

Cornelius Caley called to the Bar by grace.

Edmund Yarburgh and John Fowle called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1714. Present:—CARTER, HOLT, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER, GYLBY, JENKINS and HASTINGS.

Joseph Richardson and Robert Fenwick called to the Bar.

The "back front of Holbourn Gate to be repaired," and a porter's lodge to be made under it.

A new gate to be made "at the end of the new buildings next the feilds."

PENSION 13th May, 1715. Present:—SMITH, HOLT, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER, TURNER, CARD, JACKSON, GYLBY and HASTINGS.

Mr. George Errington is empowered to treat for the purchase by this Society of "the Jockey Feilds near Grayes Inn."

PENSION 23rd May, 1715. Present:—CARTER, MARKHAM, KENRICK, SMITH, HOLT, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER, TURNER, CARD, JACKSON, GYLBY, JENKINS and HASTINGS.

"Ordered that Mr. Anthony Jones M.A. be Chappell Reader of this Society in the roome of Adam Buddle Clerk decd dureing the pleasure of the Bench."

"Ordered that iron pallasadoes be set upon the wall of each side of the gate leading into the feilds from Pages Buildings."

A committee appointed with reference to Mr. Nathaniel Booth's proposal to take "a building lease of the new buildings next the Hall in Holborne Court."

PENSION 1st July, 1715. Present:—CARTER, SMITH, etc.

Thomas Player called to the Bar.

PENSION 4th July, 1715. Present:—MARKHAM, HOLT, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER, JACKSON, JENKINS and HASTINGS.

Samuel Cromwell, Thomas Brown and William Turner called to the Bar.

"This Penc̃on haveing been accquainted with a proposall touching the building an Inn on the upper part of Grayes Inn Walkes for the reception of the Hono^ble^ the Lords the Judges and the Worshipfull the Serjeants att Law of both houses if they shall find it for their conveniency to remove thither And being very desireous to express their zeal for accomodateing them therein Do order that the Masters of the Bench now in town (or any three of them whereof the Tr̃ear to be one) doe forthwith waite upon the Right Hono^ble^ the Lord cheife Justice of the Court of Kings Bench and acquaint his Lordship with the resolution of this Society to do all that in them lies to encourage the said proposall" and that they are prepared to grant for the purpose "all the ground from the new building to the Terrace Walke in the upper part of Grayes Inn Walkes in length and from the western wall to the hedge by the Black Walke in breadth."

The following gentlemen to be called to the Bench:—Jessopp Wm., Metcalfe Jno., Stevens Tho., Booth Nath., Reynolds Sam., Musgrave Chr., Julyan Wm., Philipps Wm., Keynion Geo., Shaftoe Hen., Clarke Tho., Tyrill Cha., Barton Tho., Hilton Cha., Pawlett Rich., Walker Jno., Horton Elkana, Priestly Wm., Wither And., Aspin Wm., and Wogan Jno.

Thomas Wyton, tenant of the stables adjoining Warwick Court,

is allowed during the pleasure of the Bench to have a key to "the turn-pikes set up on the ground belonging to this Society without the westerne side of the wall incloseing Gray's Inn Walkes."

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1715. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, etc.

Josiah James Hanses called to the Bar.

PENSION 28th Nov., 1715. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, CARD, JACKSON, GILBY and HASTINGS.

Francis Neale called to the Bar.

"Ordered that John Metcalfe Esqre haveing been called to the Bench and accepted his call and desireing to be excused paying his caution money and all other duties except the rolls upon consideracon of his releaseing all costs that are or may be due and payable to him by the House upon the accountts of all suites at law and equity formerly had or prosecuted between him and the House he be admitted and have a vote in Pencon."

"Ordered that whereas the assessment for the Land Tax for this Society hath proved deficient for answering the sume charged on this Society for severall yeares last past It is therefore ordered that the Commissioners who have acted or shall act in relacon to taxing this Society for this present year be desired to order a reassessment to be made of double of what was assessed last year on all chambers, houses and persons contributary to the same except the inhabitants of new buildings which were not inhabited the last year which are to be taxed after the rate of 2 shillings in the pound onely towards makeing up of such deficiency."

PENSION 3rd Feb., 1715. Present:—CARTER, MARRIOTT, etc.

Elkana Horton admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1715. Present:—CARTER, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, TURNER, CARD, GILBY, JENKINS, HASTINGS, METCALFE and HORTON.

Nathaniel Booth, John Walker and Andrew Wither accept their call to the Bench.

Francis Darrell called to the Bar.

"Ordered upon application of the gentlemen of the house by the Barr mess that suppers be laid aside and y^t the comons which used to be served up at night shall be added to the dinners in such manner as shall be adjusted by the Bench."

PENSION 10th Feb: 1715. Present:—CARTER, MARRIOTT, CARD, JENKINS, METCALFE and HORTON.

Mr. John Walker and Mr. Andrew Wither having paid their caution money are admitted to their votes in Pension.

"Ordered that Mr. Trēar do forthwith pay the severall sumes following to the persons after of such moneys as he shall receive as caution money for the Bench or otherwise that is to say to the Dean of Ely the sume of sixty pounds towards the arreares of taxes sixty pounds and to the 2 Curtises[1] father and son sixty pounds betwixt them."

PENSION 2nd May, 1716. Present:—CARTER, MARRIOTT, etc.

Thomas Williams, admitted here from Lincoln's Inn, is called to the Bar.

PENSION 4th May, 1716. Present:—CARTER, SMITH, MARRIOTT, CARD, JACKSON, GILBY, JENKINS, HASTINGS, METCALFE and WALKER.

"Ordered that whereas by the constant usage of this Society ye Chappell bell hath been constantly rung at nine of the clock every Sunday morning throughout the year it is now ordered and directed that the time of ringing ye bell be for the future a quarter before tenn of ye clock every Sunday morning for Divine Service."

"Ordered that whereas this Society has thought fitt not to call any of the Barresters to ye Antients table that hereafter the Barresters according to their seniority shall have their seates in ye pews where the Antients formerly satt."

[1] The two Curtises were respectively bricklayer and carpenter to the House.

Bowler Miller appointed chief cook and Wright Tuckey second cook.

William Hulton called to the Bar.

PENSION 18th May, 1716. Present:—MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD, HASTINGS, WALKER, JACKSON and WITHER.

Thomas Clarke accepts his call to the Bench.

A committee appointed to inquire: (1) "What is the constant or stated annuall revenue of ye House." (2) "What is the constant or stated annuall charges or disbursements of ye House." (3) "What are the contigent annuall charges of ye House as near as can be judged." (4) "What are the debts owing by the House and to whom and for what owing." (5) "What are ye debts owing to ye House, by whom, and for what, and what is ye best method to get in such debts as are hopefull, and to propose some expedient to oblige every member for ye future to clear his duties every term, or at least within ye yeare." (6) "What chambers are in ye hands of ye House, how long they have been so, and their respective values and what duties are owing on them respectively."

The committee to consist of all Benchers who shall be in town, three to form a quorum, and to sit in the "Bench Chamber" twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 3 p.m.

PENSION 11th June, 1716. Present:—DIXON, MONOX, etc.

Thomas Clarke admitted to his vote in Pension.

PENSION 15th June, 1716. Present:—MONOX, VAUGHAN, etc.

William Wynne and William Floyd called to the Bar.

PENSION 18th June, 1716. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD, GILBY, JACKSON and HASTINGS.

Edmund Barstow and Henry Edwards, the latter late of Lincoln's Inn, called to the Bar.

Mr. Richard Vaughan elected Treasurer in succession to Mr. Monox.

PENSION 28th Jan: 1716.[1] Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON and WITHER.

"Ordered that a fence of Dutch elms be made on ye Terras walke in ye Walkes from ye East sum̃er house in ye roome of ye present hedge and bannisters to ye end of ye said bannisters ye said hedge and bannisters being very ruinous and in danger of falling."

PENSION 8th Feb: 1716. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, CARD, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON and WITHER.

Mr. Meux Rant called to the Bar.

The seats in the Walks are to be repaired, and the "Peddestall, on ye Terras Walke" to be "removed into ye middle of Coney Court in order to place ye dial lately purchased thereon."

The following report is approved:

"Wee whose names are hereunto subscribed in pursuance of one order of Penc̃on dated ye 18th May 1716 and other subsequent orders haveing taken into consideration the matters thereby refferd to us doe find and report as followes vizt:

That the certain income of this Society by ground rents and rack rents amounts yearly to ye sum̃e of £386 18*s.* 4*d.*

That the uncertain and contigent income arriseing from fines admittances caution money castings into com̃ons penc̃ons and accidentall duties as computed by a medium of profitts charged under those heads in the Trc̃ars accounts for six years last past amounts yearly to ye sum̃e of £420.

Note that a great sum̃e of money hath arisen within ye six years by caution money on calls to ye Bench wch is not likely to happen in every six years.

That the constant and certain outgoeings and charges of ye Society for officers and serv^ts^ sallarys and wages bondes ye rolls fees and perquisites amount yearly to ye sum̃e of	178	0	0
For ye officers and serv^ts^ com̃ons yearly ye sum̃e of	77	0	0
For ye fewell in ye kitchen by the present agreement	32	0	0
For 8 porters to watch at nights yearly ye sum̃e of	16	0	0
For conick lamp light yearly	26	0	0
For ye pavior and scavenger yearly	24	0	0
For ye Chappell Reader yearly	36	13	4
For ye fee farm rent issueing out of ye House	6	13	4

[1] Pensions were held in November, but nothing of importance was ordered.

That ye contigent outgoeings and charges for Grand Days for ye cookes bills for House dishes and the Stewards bills for wine in the hall and chappell and for candles bonfires for drinking potts and for other houshold goods and utensills for repairs and maintainance of ye walkes and cõmon shoars and for dificiences of ye D^rs roll and of taxes and for law charges and other accidentall charges computed by a medium as they stand charged in the Trẽars accounts for six years last past are amounting yearly to the sume of £413 13*s.* 4*d.*

That the debts due to ye Society by arrears of rents penc̃ons and castings into cõmons amount to £120.

Note that a great part of ye debts due to ye Society are charged on such chambers as are in the possession of the House wch are uninhabited out of repaire and of little value.

That ye debts from ye Society to whom and for what due by an accountt hereunto annexed doe appear and doe amount to ye sume of £432 12*s.* 2*d.*

That what chambers are in ye possession of ye House how long soe what due on y^m and of what value by an account hereunto annexed will appear.

That ye publick buildings walkes and boundaryes of ye gardens are defaced and in decay and require a great sume of money to put y^m into repaire.

That the Society is threatned with and in danger of incroachments upon their rights titles and privilidges.

That the sallarys fees perquisites and demands of ye off^rs and serv^ts belonging unto this Society are for ye most part very excessive in regard of their little attendances and small services.

That the number of officers and serv^ts are super abundant in as much as the Society is at present diminished and suppers discontinued.

That ye officers and serv^ts bills and the bills of tradesmen and workemen are for ye most part extravagant.

This comittee for redressing ye said grievances are of opinion that for filling ye Treasury an order of Penc̃on shall be forthwith made for prosecuting with effect such persons as are indebted to ye Society.

That there be a table of all the officers and serv^ts sallarys wages fees perquisites and demands as alsoe of all their respective services dutyes and attendance settled and published.

That when any place of ye officers or serv^ts shall become vacant by death or otherwise that it shall not be filled up till ye said officers and serv^ts are reduced to a convenient number.

That ye time of keeping of cõmons shall be reduced to ye last three weeks in each term.

That ye Prayers in ye Chappell shall be at three of ye clock in ye afternoon from Michaelmas to Lady day and at five ye other part of ye year.

That ye Trẽar be assisted by a comittee for ye examining and checking of all bills of officers and servants workemen tradesmen and others relateing to ye Society.

This comittee doth conclude that without seasonable redress ye Society in all probability must sink.

Rich. Vaughan	Wm. Gilby	Elk. Horton	Jno. Metcalfe
Wm. Marriott	Jno. Hastings	And. Wither	Tho. Jackson

Pension 11th Feb: 1716. Present:—Holt, Vaughan, Marriott, Card, Gilby, Metcalfe, Horton and Withier.

Mathew Craddock called to the Bar.

Thomas Weston an officer of this Society[1] having "by his impudent and insolent behaviour given offence to severall of ye Judges" and being suspected "of disaffection to ye Government" is discharged from his place.

"Ordered that ye time for keeping comons be reduced to three weeks in each term and that the said three weeks doe begin on Sunday or Wednesday soe as to take in ye last day of ye term with the halfe week in which ye last day of ye term happens."

"Ordered that ye hour for afternoon Prayers be at three of ye clock the whole year about (except Sundays) and that ye bell be rung twice in ye quarter of ye hour before three and the third time exactly at ye clock strikeing three and then to begin Prayers imediately."

The gardener "with ye assistance of ye proprietors of ye new River water" is authorized to make a "muddwall instead of ye broken fence between ye lower garden and ye highway."

The butlership held by the above mentioned Thomas Weston to be abolished.

Proprietors of Chambers who do not pay their debts to the House before the first Pension of next term are not to have the abatement of one-third allowed for "castings into commons" and their chambers are to be seized.

Pension adjourned from 31st May, 1717. Present:—Dixon, Carter, etc.

Thomas Sotheby called to the Bar.

Pension 28th June, 1717. Present:—Vaughan, Marriott, Card, Gilby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Clarke, Walker and Wither.

Mr. John Hastings elected Dean of the Chapel.

"Ordered that the rewards following be given to the severall

[1] He was Chapel Clerk.

persons for their assistance in putting out the fire wch begun in Mr. Bonython's chamber 3 story high N° 3 in Coney Court on Saturday the 8th of June 1717 about three of the clock in the morning," vizt:

	£	s.	d.
To Mr. Hind's engine engineer and followers	3	4	6
To St. Andrews engine engineer and followers	1	0	0
To St. Giles engine engineer and followers	1	0	0
To Mr. Wm. Brownjohn's hand engine and his servants		15	0
To the firemen of the 2 Insurance Offices vizt the Sun Fire Office and the Hand in Hand Fire Office to them and their followers	4	0	0
To severall who assisted at the fire the sum of (82 persons at 2^s 6^d each : 6 boys at 1^s 6^d each.)	10	14	0

PENSION 1st July, 1717. Present:—MARRIOTT, CARD, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Williams, Abraham Barber and David Atkinson.

PENSION 3rd July, 1717. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Gregory Geering and John Humphreys.

PENSION 8th July, 1717. Present:—DIXON, CARTER, HOLT, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD, HASTINGS, CLARKE, WALKER and WITHER.

The proprietors of the Chambers, at No. 3 next the walks in Coney Court, damaged by the fire on the 8th of June last, are to rebuild them "at their own expences or with the moneys to be received on accompt of their insurances."

The order in regard to commons made 11th Feb: 1716, is hereby cancelled.

PENSION 31st Oct: 1717. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, CARD, TURNER, HASTINGS, METCALFE and HORTON.

The "two turnpikes wch ascertaine the bounds of the ground without the west wall of Grayes Inn Walkes" are to be nailed up and posts to be set "to range north and south from the west end of each turnpike."

PENSION 20th Nov: 1717. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON and WITHER.

A committee appointed to report what repairs are necessary to the Duchy Office.

"That the Commissioners of the Land Tax do meet on Saturday next at three of the clock."

PENSION 25th Nov: 1717. Present:—MARRIOTT, HELDER, CARD, GILBY, HASTINGS, HORTON and WITHER.

Langham Rookeby called to the Bar.

John Randolph called to the Bar by the favour of the Bench.

"That one of the house porters attending at the gate do waite every Sunday during the time of Divine Service at such of the Chappell Doors as the Dean of the Chappel shall think fitt."

The proprietors of chambers "in the four staircases above the stepps on the west side of Coney Court" are to repair the paving and set up numbers over the doors.

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1717. Present:—HOLT, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, CARD, JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH and HORTON.

Nathaniel Booth admitted to vote in Pension.

Edward Harcourt appointed puisne butler, John Alder panyerman and Chapel Clerk, John Pinkney chief butler's man and Edward Beaver Steward's man.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1717. Present:—CARTER, HOLT, CARD, JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON and WITHER.

"That the cellar comonly called the Stewards room under the chambers in Sackfords Buildings" be added to the Chamber of Mr. Hastings (ground floor in [W.] Bacon's Buildings).

"That a sallary of thirty pounds a year be added to the present sallary of six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence of the Chappell Reader . . . and that the sixpenny roll belonging to the Chappell Reader and the sixpenny roll lately belonging to Thomas Weston . . . be seized into the hands of the house as an equivalent."

PENSION 12th May, 1718. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, etc.

Robert Williams called to the Bar.

PENSION 16th May, 1718. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, CARD, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WALKER, HORTON and WITHER.

Edward Chetham and Edward Lloyd called to the Bar.

"Whereas great damage hath lately been comitted to the hedges, trees and grass platts in the walkes and the gardiner in the performance of his duty as well as gentlemen insulted and tumults have arisen and more perticulary on Sundays It is therefore ordered that the gardiner shall permit no others than members of the Society gentlemen and ladyes to walk therein and that he keep out all boys girls and persons of low rank And that the gardiner shall hereby be justified in turning out of the walkes all such as shall hereafter be found guilty of such disorders." By application to three Benchers the gardener may be empowered to "lock up the walkes dureing the whole afternoone on Sabbath Days."

Proprietors of chambers on the east and north sides of Coney Court to repair the paving and set up numbers over the staircase doorways.

PENSION 21st May, 1718. Present:—VAUGHAN, GILBY, etc.

Edmund Hoskins called to the Bar by favour of the Bench.

PENSION 24th May, 1718. Present:—PLAYER, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, GILBY, METCALFE, CLARKE, WALKER, HORTON and WITHER.

"Ordered that no person whatsoever shall hereafter be called to the Barr he not being in all respects duely qualified."

PENSION 23rd June, 1718. Present:—MONOX, VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, METCALFE, CLARKE, BOOTH and WALKER.

Mr. William Marriott elected Treasurer.

"Ordered that the gardiner have a convenient thing made him to stand upon called a horse for the more effectuall and safe clipping and cutting the trees in the Walkes."

"Ordered that Mr. Anthony Jones the Reader of this Society be at liberty to retire into the country and stay there till after Xtmas he putting in a gentleman qualified to supply the Readers place in the mean time."

PENSION 30th June, 1718. Present:—VAUGHAN, MARRIOTT, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE and WALKER.

The Treasurer is empowered, in case of need, to repair the Duchy Office before next term, calling to his assistance such Benchers as are in town. "And in case of any other emergency concerning the affaires of the House the Trēar is at liberty to call to his assistance such of the Bench as aforesaid to consult and prepare against the 1st Pencon of the next term anything that may be for the benefit of this Society."

PENSION 24th Nov: 1718. Present:—MARRIOTT, HELDER, etc.

Mr. Hugh Williams called to the Bar.

Upon the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, Mr. Johnson Mainwaring having been preferred to an office in the county palatine of Chester, is called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1718. Present:—MARRIOTT, HELDER, etc.

James Mickleton and Ambrose Manaton called to the Bar.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1718. Present:—MARRIOTT, CARD, GYLBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH and WALKER.

Hereafter there shall be no composition for commons for any chambers that are now two or more years in arrear, unless such commons are discharged before the first Pension in Easter term, and for the future there shall be no composition for commons for any chambers that shall be in arrear.

A fine of forty shillings shall in future be paid before any assignment of chambers shall be sanctioned.

Any non-member of the House inhabiting any chamber shall pay full commons without any abatement.

"Whereas the Society of Gray's Inn is likely to be deprived of their prospect from their Walkes by the great increase of building and there have been many proposalls for building houses for the Lord Chancellor Judges etc. to which the Bench were willing to comply they imagining it might be for the benefitt and advantage of the House yet, upon diligent enquiry made, the Bench found the same to be in no likelihood to be brought to any purpose[1] and that there being ground enough to erect buildings which will be of great advantage to the Society It is ordered that the Benchers in town six or any three of them do this vacation survey the ground as they shall think most proper to build upon and treat with such person or persons in order to the setting and letting the same to any person or persons who shall make the best proposalls. And that the fronts of such buildings be erected towards the Walks and also that the upper Walks where the Lord Bacons Mount is scituated and the lower Walks be preserved intire and after such survey made of such waste or spare ground that the same be laid before the Pention some time the next Easter term."

[1] Negotiations were, however, renewed. See pp. 178, 197, 200, etc.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1718. Present:—CARTER, MARRIOTT, CARD, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH and WALKER.

"Whereas Mr. Jno Beaver the Steward of this House hath petitioned for an additionall sallery It is ordered that 20ll per ann: be added to his present sallery during the pleasure of the Bench."

PENSION 6th May, 1719. Present:—MARRIOTT, JACKSON, CARD, HASTINGS, METCALFE, CLARKE, WALKER and HORTON.

"Ordered that forthwith the gates and stepps in Warwick Court be repaired or the executors or assignes of the Lady Allibone to be proceeded against at Law."

"Ordered that all orders formerly made to remove strangers, families and single women out of the House be revived and if such persons doe not remove the first weeke of next term that then their chambers be padlocked."

PENSION 5th June, 1719. Present:—MONOX, VAUGHAN, GYLBY, CLARKE, BOOTH, WALKER and WITHER.

"Ordered that Mr. John Beaver Steward of this Society be hereby impowered to advance the sume of one hundred pounds for this Society in order to discharge so much of the arrears due to Dr. Moss the Preacher of this Society and that the said one hundred pounds be repaid to the said Steward with interest out of the first money as shall come to the Treasurers hands before the end of next Michaelmas term."

PENSION 10th June, 1719. Present:—MONOUX, GYLBY, JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WALKER and HORTON.

Mr. Andrew Card elected Treasurer.

Mr. Jones, the Reader, has "liberty to go into the country during the Long Vacation appointing a sufficient deputy."

PENSION 16th June, 1719. Present:—MONOUX, CARD, etc.

Thomas Clennell, William Alston and Miles Branthwaite called to the Bar.

Pension 5th Feb: 1719. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Walker and Wither.

[Ordered] "That Mr. Trẽar Card in pursuance of his request be permitted to resign his treasurership of this Society and that Thomas Jackson Esqr do succeed him as Trẽar and that the said Mr. Jackson shall take the accountts of the Society from the last auditt."

Mr. Burford and others to be prosecuted for "pulling up the turnpike erected on the tenn foot of ground belonging to this Society on the west side of the garden wall."

"That all members of this Society who want chambers to qualify them for ye Barr shall have house chambers assigned them by Pention Order on easy terms and that this order be screened in the Hall hereafter during term time."

Pension 10th Feb: 1719. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Walker and Wither.

Mr. Treasurer to "treat with Booksellers" for the exchange of such books in the Library as he shall think unnecessary "for such as may be more useful to this Society," and to report at the first Pension of next term.

Mr. Treasurer to take proposals for letting "the void space of ground belonging to this Society in Gray's Inn Lane whereon two houses were lately standing," and report to Pension.

Daniel Dolins, having produced the due certificates from Lincoln's Inn, of which he was till now a member, is admitted to this Inn and called to the bar.

The great gates in Holborn Court to be shut up at 9 p.m., and no coaches to be admitted after that hour.

Daniel Dolins granted a chamber in "Page's Buildings[1] in Feild Court, adjoyning to Squire's Coffee House."

Ordered that Patrick Meighan, bookseller, have a lease of a shop at Holborn Gate on the right hand side going out.

[1] Osborne, the bookseller, had a shop at this time in Page's Buildings.

PENSION 20th May, 1720. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, etc.

George Monson, Charles Monson and Tempest Thornton called to the Bar.

PENSION 27th May, 1720. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WALKER and WITHER.

A committee appointed to "order a building at ye East end of ye chappell for ye Fire Engines."

The Treasurer to take proposals for "rebuilding ye garden house" and to "view the east front[1] of the Dutchy Office" and "ye portico of ye gate out of Feild Court into the Walkes" which need repair.

PENSION 29th June, 1720. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH, CLARKE, WALKER, HORTON and WITHER.

John Hughes and Davies Davenport called to the Bar.

The gardener to "cleanse the ditch and repair ye mudd wall against Kings Gate Road."

"Ordered that ye severall gentlemen hereunder named be called to ye Bench they first paying each one hundred marks as a fine and all other duties in arreare to ye Society and to take their places according to their seniority in this call, and that they be sum̃ond to ye next Pention or the first Pention in ye next term to accept their call vizt

1687	Wale Jno.	1688	Ellis Jno.
,,	Walpool Jno.	,,	Fish Hump.
,,	Evans Evan	,,	Peachell Tho.
1688	Tully Phil.	1689	Griffith Alex.
,,	Goodall Tho.	,,	Maltiward Robt.
,,	Bean Tho.	,,	Hallowes Saml.

[1] *I.e.* the frontage upon the little court on the south of the Chapel, where the entrance to the Duchy office was. See map.

Pension 4th July, 1720. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Clarke, Walker, Horton and Wither.

Thomas Feild and Christopher Layer called to the Bar.

Thomas Peachell, having paid his caution money, is admitted to his vote in Pension.

Mr. Jackson, who was elected Treasurer in Hilary term owing to "the indisposition of Mr. Trẽar Card," is to continue Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"Ordered that ye surviveing Trustees of the Scite of ye Society do assigne their said trust to ye present Benchers of this Society and that Mr. Trẽar with any two of ye Bench do settle the Draught of such assignment."

The office of Steward's man is abolished.

Mr. Metcalfe appointed Dean of the Chapel.

Pension adjourned to ten o'clock on the ensuing Monday morning.

Adjourned Pension 11th July, 1720. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Walker and Wither.

Mr. Treasurer, with any two of the Bench, is empowered to let chambers during this Vacation.

Mr. Treasurer to "procure a case to be made for the sun dial in Coney Court, to lock ye said dial up in the night time to preserve ye same from being damaged."

James Lightbone having been preferred to be a Master in Chancery, and John Brougham, having been preferred to be a Commissioner of Excise, are called to be Assistants to the Bench.

Pension 25th Nov: 1720. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Hastings, Booth, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

Mr. John Ellis having paid his caution money is to have a vote in Pension.

Anthony Smithson and Rumney Diggle called to the Bar.

"Ordered that ye gardiner of this Society do forthwith digg up 3 old decayed trees, one in ye Great Walke against ye conduit, ye other

in ye Black Walke, ye 3rd in ye Upper Walke against the hedge above ye Black Walke and that young trees be planted in the roome thereof." He is also to "lopp and cropp" other trees as directed by the Treasurer.

"Ordered that a new State of ye House be made ev'ry year for ye use of ye Trẽar and that ye same be laid at ye table every Pention for ye gentlemen of ye Bench to peruse as they shall think fitt and that every Bencher at his charge may have a coppy thereof."

Pension adjourned "to Friday next at nine of ye clock in ye morning."

At the adjourned Pension it was ordered "that ye order made 11th July 1720 for ye Trẽar with two of ye Bench during that Vacation untill ye then Michaelmas term to lett and dispose of Chambers be now revived and the time enlarged untill ye first day of Trinity term next."

PENSION 1st Feb: 1720. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Whereas Mr. Hilton a member of this Society at this Pention brought a message from ye Lord Cheife Justice of ye Kings Bench that he the said Lord Cheife Justice and ye rest of the Judges were willing to have ye ground in Gray's Inn upper garden to build houses for them to inhabit in provided they could have roome sufficient to build stables and coach houses as well as houses" a committee is appointed to ask the Judges to appoint a surveyor to see what ground will be necessary. "The Bench are willing to lett them have what ground can be spared for that purpose provided that such houses may be always for ye use of ye said Judges and their successors for the time being for their residence and transacting their busness in as formerly in ye Serjeants Inn."

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1720. Present:—VAUGHAN, JACKSON, METCALFE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Thomas Dyer called to the Bar.

"Ordered upon complaint this day made to ye Bench by ye Barr Mess and other gentlemen of ye House that ye Barr may

chuse two to represent them and ye students two to represent them and at any time between this and next term to inspect and looke into ye House accounts and for that purpose ye House accounts since ye last auditt with all ye vouchers papers orders and other matters and things of or relateing to ye making out such accounts be laid before them for their inspection and perusall and that ye Bench Roome be ye place for their looking into and inspecting ye same and that they may have power to send for and have ye steward and other servants of ye House as they please to attend and informe them of what they shall enquire after and that they shall make their report ye next term and that this order be screened tomorrow."

"Ordered upon ye complaint of ye Barr Mess and other gentlemen of ye House that ye said Barr Mess do at ye next Pention lay before the Bench a list of such persons as are strangers and foreigners which inhabit within this House to ye discreditt and disreputation of ye House And that ye Bench will then make such further order as shall seem meett and that this order be screened in ye Hall tomorrow."

PENSION 6th Feb: 1720. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, METCALFE, BOOTH, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Ordered that ye steward do not for ye future enter any person or member of this Society as in comons or into ye Book or Roll of comons unless such person or member shall be acctually seen in comons some part of ye fortnight for wch he shall be so entered in comons."

"Ordered that for ye future ye price of ye House Dishes and of the Exceedings for ye Bench be respectively laid before ye Bench then present at each meale and ye same to be respectively entered into a Book to be kept for that purpose respectively and the same to be each meal signed by ye younger Bencher there then present and to be checqued in ye same manner as ye wine book."

Forty shillings a year, formerly granted to Mrs. Ridley, is "from henceforth to be paid out of the Charity money of this Society collected at ye Communion doors of ye Chappell and ye Two-pences in Mich^as^ Term."

Pension adjourned from 10th Feb: 1720. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

Henry Dodsworth called to the Bar of grace.

"Ordered that ye steward do each term deliver to ye Trēar a coppy in paper of ye rolls of gentlemen in cōmons as signed by ye Senior Benchers ye last day of cōmons for that term."

"Ordered that ye gardiner do make a Walke under ye north side of ye building in Coney Court next ye gardiners Kitchen garden and do make an elder hedge on ye banke to inclose the kitchen garden from ye said Walke."

Pension 26th May, 1721. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Metcalfe, Booth, Clark, Walker, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

Thomas Sclater alias Bacon and Michael Barstow are allowed to compound for castings into commons.

"Ordered that Wright Tuckey ye second cook do for ye future take care to wash all the curtains, surplices and other Chappell linnen and to clean ye sconces in ye hall as well as wash ye hall linnen which he did before for the sallary as he before had for the same and that he take care that ye same be duely washed to appear clean and neat."

Pension 23rd June, 1721. Present:—Jackson, Gilby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Clarke, Walker, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that unless the shedd set up against the sum̃er house wall at ye west end of the Terras Walk be taken away and the saw pitt filled upp imediately that ye party that set up and dug ye same shall forthwith be prosecuted."

The ground chambers in Pages Buildings "where the Nisi Prius Office is now kept" granted to Thomas Gooding.

The fines for renewal of a term of fourteen years to come to a term of one and twenty years to come in the chambers in Coney and Chapel Courts are to be in proportion to the dimensions, but ground

floor chambers are to be one fifth less, two pair of stairs one fourth less and three pair of stairs two thirds less than chambers one pair of stairs, and chambers in the north row are to be one tenth less, and those in the east row one eighth less, than those in the west row. The fine for renewing chambers having less than 14 years unexpired to 21 years is to be "increased one fourth part more for each half year as such term shall want of 14 years."

PENSION adjourned from 26th June, 1721. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WALKER, HORTON, WITHER, PEACHELL and ELLIS.

"Ordered that for the future ye Reader of this Society or he y^t^ officiates for him do at each Comunion certifye ye quantity of wine used at Comunion and signe ye Chappell Clark's bill for that purpose."

"The gates in the garden next Brownlow Street" to be repaired, or new ones set up.

The Treasurer and any two of the Bench authorized to "set and let ye void ground next Gray's Inn lane against Fox Court."

Pension adjourned to 5th July at nine o'clock.

"Ordered that the Trẽar deputy Trẽar and Benchers in town or any three of them do contract and agree with workmen for a pair of handsome iron gates into the Walkes with peers and other proper imbellishments."

The report of the Barristers' and Students' Committee appointed in Hilary Term, 1720, is now submitted to the Bench.

The committee find the accounts of the House "perplexed and confused"; also that the account entitled "The State of the House" is "very erroneous" and that the Steward privately corrected it whilst it was under examination.

They find that "great part of ye revenue of ye Society is expended by officers and servants' sallaries and their comons notwithstanding severall of them have considerable incomes from the Society by their fees and perquisites and allowances and but little attendance required from y^m^." The sallaries fees and perquisites claimed by the Steward are particularly excessive, amounting to £250 and upwards, though he never overlooks the inferior officers and servants or puts the orders of the Society in execution as he ought.

They find that Edward Harcourt the Butler claims, in addition to the receipts

which his predecessors enjoyed, the rent of a shop under Holborn gate and they think this an "unreasonable imposition."

They find that the Chapel Clerk's and under-cook's bills for washing linen and for Communion wine are very excessive.

They find that the scavenger is very negligent in his duties.

They find that by ancient orders several of the servants were obliged to share with the porters the nightly watching, that they omit to do this and that extra porters are therefore paid and yet the night watches are very negligently kept. The porters, too, are negligent in the day time, not keeping beggars and disorderly persons from the gateways and courts.

They find that the workmen of the Society execute repairs without acquainting the proprietors of the Chambers and then some time later, when their work cannot be checked, demand payment, asking generally double what the work is worth.

They find that the charge of ten pounds a year for conveying river water into the kitchen by pipes is not warranted, the charge having formerly been but six or seven shillings a term.

They find that members who punctually pay their duties suffer loss owing to the non-exaction of the duties in other cases. The existence of arrears is largely due to the neglect of the officers and servants to collect the rents, rolls and taxes. The Steward has been very remiss in allowing Harcourt to be in arrear £18 or more to the Society for the rent of the above-mentioned shop.

They find that the "great decay and ruinous condition of the Society as they conceive is in a great measure owing to the want of better collecting and applying the Revenue." Upon full redress of the above grievances "the Committee doubt not but to see the Society in its antient flourishing and prosperous condicon."

PENSION 15th NOV: 1721. Present:—VAUGHAN, JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"It is ordered and declared that no renewall shall for the future be made of the term or terms of or in any chamber within this Society untill all dutyes whatsoever in arrear as well from persons which have the intrest in such respective chamber in the names of any other persons in trust for them as from the persons in whose name the same were in shall be fully paid and cleared of And that in every case where ye real or nominal proprietor haveing in the comon course been called to the Bench hath not accepted and paid the usual fine but instead thereof hath abdicated the Society or will not attend the affairs thereof No renewall shall in such case be made untill such proprietor whether real or nominal shall accept his call to the Bench and shall pay the said fine over and above all other dues and dutyes And it is ordered that this order be forthwith screened up in the hall."

Mr. John Brougham to be called to the Bench.

The thanks of the Society given to Archibald Hutchinson of the Middle Temple, Esq., for his present of his book, *A Collection of Treatises Relateing to the National Debts and Funds.*

PENSION 27th Nov: 1721. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, METCALFE, HORTON, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Richard Draper called to the Bar.

The office of scavenger is abolished and the work to be done by the porters.

The piece of void ground over against Fox Court, referred to in an order of 26th June last, to be let for fifty-one years to Thomas Homan and William Horton for building purposes at £6 fine and £6 a year rent.

Pension adjourned to Thursday the 30th inst. at 9 a.m.

PENSION (adjourned). Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Ordered that for the future the Head Porter of this Society have instead of the old sallery a yearly sallery of eighteen pound and all fees and perquisites of or belonging to the Head Porter as alsoe the shopps ye former porter had And that the under porter shall for ye future have for his sallery from the house nine pound a year and all the fees and perquisites which ye former porter's man used to have and alsoe all the fees and perquisites wch the scavenger had (wch place is now vacated) and that the Head Porter for the future over and above ye usuall buisness belonging to that place shall every night dureing the season trim and light the lamps as shall be hereafter ordered by Pencon And that the under porter shall for the future do all the business ye scavenger and wash pott used to do except cleaning and emptieing the Bogghouse wch is for the future to be done joyntly by both ye said porters and that both ye said porters do also take care of the engines belonging to the Society and with the assistance of the rest of the porters do take care to have y^m^ played at proper times to keep them clean and fit

for use And that John Ferbee be head porter and James Nicolls under porter dureing the pleasure of the Bench and subject to all former orders and future orders to be made."

PENSION 29th Jan: 1721. Present:—VAUGHAN, JACKSON, etc.

Robert Robinson called to the Bar by grace.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1721. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, etc.

John Twisleton and John Craster called to the Bar.

PENSION 27th April, 1722. Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Mr. Wm. Peer Williams to be called to the Bench.

The Treasurer to employ workmen for various repairs, to "paint the seats in the Walkes, Bacons Mount and the summer-houses at each end of ye Tarrass Walk," and to "set up iron gates goeing out of Feild Court into ye Walkes[1] and also to build up a new wall or repair the old one on each side of the gates or instead thereof to place iron pallasadoes on a parapet wall to be built for that purpose with proper peers of stone or brick as the Trẽar shall think fitt and that the first two letters of his Xtian and surname and the year of our Lord and the arms of the Society be sett up in iron work in the said gates."

"The west wall in the upper Walkes next Bedford Row" to be raised higher, and "two posts to be set up to save the new gates lately erected there."

"Ordered that the reallity of all assignments of chambers to quallifye any gentleman for the Barr be for the future examined in Penc̃on."

[1] These gates are still in position. They bear the letters W. I. G., which stand for William Gilby, the Treasurer in whose year of office they were set up.

PENSION 8th June, 1722. Present:—VAUGHAN, CARD, JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, HORTON, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

John Howes and William Fortescue called to the Bar.

Wm. Gylby is continued Treasurer for another year.

"Ordered that the house carpenter set up posts in Gray's Inn lane to keep coaches and carts from the staircase in which are the chambers of Leonard Street Esqr in the possession of Mrs. Pryce and ye other chambers in the possession of Mr. Swinbourn and that the severall proprietors there do pay their respective shares of the charge thereof."

PENSION 14th June, 1722 (adjourned). Present:—CARD, JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, CLARKE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Mr. William Peer Williams [1] to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 22nd June, 1722 (adjourned). Present:—JACKSON, GILBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

The Treasurer authorized to employ a person or persons to "contrive a more easy and effectuall method for checking and examining the accounts of this Society."

"Ordered that as well the Steward as all other the Servants of this Society shall from time to time attend such member or members of the Bench as ye Trẽar shall appoint to answer such questions and give such information touching the sallaries and perquisites of the respective servants of this Society and other ye accounts and affaires thereto belonging" [as may be desired].

PENSION 31st Oct: 1722. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, HORTON, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Ordered that Hannah Dawney widdow of Jno. Dawney labourer who was lately killd by the fall of the gravell in the

[1] William Peer Williams, the eminent reporter, entered Parliament during this year. His father had been a member of Gray's Inn.

Walkes as he was there at work have five pound given her as the bounty of the house to her and that Mr. Trẽar be desired to pay her the same."

Mr. Nathaniel Booth appointed Dean of the Chapel in succession to Mr. John Metcalfe.

Mr. Treasurer to cause posts to be set up, instead of pales, between Coney and Chapel Courts, and to be so set as to prevent coaches from coming into Coney Court.

Mr. Treasurer to treat with a "lamp office" to serve the house with lights, in place of the present ones which are not sufficient.

Mr. Treasurer to enquire the cost of renewing and lengthening the table cloths for the hall which are to be clean every day. Pewter plates to be provided throughout the hall.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar doe for the future appoint the poulterrer and fishmonger to serve the hall with such poultry and fish as shall be used on the house accounts and for wch they pay, as likewise for the exceedings and house dishes for the Bench table."

Pension 14th Nov: 1722. Present:—Card, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that for the future there shall be a Pention held for this Society every Satturday dureing the term to begin at 6 of the clock in the evening and alsoe on Tuesdays and Thursdays in term time as occasion shall be and as shall be ordered by the Bench in cõmons and that this order be screened every term in the hall."

Pension 17th Nov: 1722. Present:—Jackson, Gylby, etc.

John Birkhead called to the Bar.

Pension 5th Feb: 1722. Present:—Vaughan, Jackson, etc.

At the request of Sir Robert Dormer, one of the Judges, Luke Robinson is, of grace, called to the Bar.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1722. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH and ELLIS.

"Ordered that the Reverend Mr. William Davenport be admitted Chappell Reader to this Society in the roome of Mr. Jones," and to continue "during the pleasure of the Bench."

PENSION 6th May, 1723. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, BOOTH, HORTON, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

John Brewer admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 16th May, 1723. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, WALKER and ELLIS.

Waller Bacon admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 25TH MAY, 1723. Present:—GYLBY, HASTINGS, etc.

John Browning called to the Bar.

PENSION 20th June, 1723. Present:—CARD, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, WALKER and HORTON.

John Hastings elected Treasurer.

PENSION 25th June, 1723. Present:—BREWER, VAUGHAN, CARD, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WALKER, HORTON and ELLIS.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do pay to William Minshall Esqre five guineas in consideracõn of the great losses he has lately susteyned."

A committee appointed to view the Chapel, Hall and Kitchen and report what should be done to repair, secure and beautify them.

Pension 5th July, 1723. Present:—Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Booth, Clarke, Walker and Peachell.

"Ordered that the 20 guineas given by Sir Daniel Dolins as an acknowledgment of the favour of the Bench in calling him to the Barr in Hillary term 1719 be laid out in Law bookes to be placed in the library."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do cause a brick wall to be built at ye west end of the low garden from the sum̃er house to ye corner next ye road over against ye Cockpitt bowling green[1] and a door to be made through ye wall into ye highway as formerly."

"Ordered that for ye future no gentleman of this Society shall be called to the Barr *ex gratiâ* and without being full standing but upon payment of £20 besides all other dues and dutyes whatsoever which said £20 is to be laid out in bookes for the Library."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do buy a horse for ye gardiner for ye better rowling the walkes and to be kept by him only for that purpose the price thereof not to exceed three pound and that the gardiner for the future upon the death or loss of this horse do find another."

Pension 9th Nov: 1723. Present:—Brewer, Card, Hastings, Metcalfe, Withier, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that the proposalls made by the gardiner for laying Coney Court more beautifull and dry be agreed to and that Mr. Trẽar do agree with the gardiner for the doing and performeing the same according to the proposalls for the sum̃e of seventy pounds and that it be refferred to the Trẽar and any three or more of the Bench to agree with the House carpenter and pavior or any other pavior or carpenter as they shall think fitt to new lay the gutters mentiond in the said proposalls in a good and substantiall manner and to sett two posts at each staircase in Coney Court next ye pavement and that the present posts at the south end of Coney Court or as many of

[1] There was a noted cockpit to the north-west of the Inn, on the north side of what is now Theobald's Road. A bowling green adjoined it. See map in Strype's edition of Stow's "Survey," 1754.

them as they shall see occassion be taken up and to be used in the pavement next the staircases if thought fitt for that purpose."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do pay five guineas as the bounty of the House to William Minsull Esqre."

Pension 26th Nov: 1723. Present:—Brewer, Card, Jackson, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do provide a proper booke to enterr all benefactions that may for the future be given to this Society."

"Ordered that it be referred to Mr. Peer Williams Mr. Trẽar Mr. Booth with any three of the Bench to enquire into and draw a proper case and state of the matter of what was done upon the decree by the Lord Jeffrys relateing to the building on the Bowling Green and the grounds thereto adjacent on the back of the gardens of this House and to report the same at the next Pention after they have prepared such case."

The chamber lately belonging to Mr. Thomas Howe, deceased, to be broken open and an inventory taken of its contents.

"It is the opinion of this Pention that the Trẽar is not lyable to answer the money now in the Stewards hands and which he has given the late Trẽar his receipt for."

This Pension adjourned to Saturday the 30th inst. at half-past three in the afternoon.

Pension (adjourned) 30th Nov: 1723. Present:—Brewer, Card, Jackson, Hastings, Metcalfe, Boothe, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do give orders to Mr. William Johnson as Sollicitor to this Society to search for find out and procure all the pleadings orders and decrees made in the cause whereon the Lord Jeffrys made some orders or decrees relateing to the building on the Bowling Green and ground thereto adjacent on the back of the garden of this House and to lay the same before the Benchers to whom the said matters were by Pention order refferred."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do contract with any gentleman who is admitted or will admitt himselfe of the House for the Chamber 2 story high over Holborne gate and make his report at the first Pention of the next term."

The Steward to make up the accounts of last term to be perused by members of the Bench and this to be done in future every term.

Pension 15th Feb: 1723. Present:—Brewer, Jackson, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that the porters of this house do untill further order of the Bench keep one of the great gates next Gray's Inn lane shutt and the post sett up at Holborne gate locked to hinder coaches and carts from comeing in and that the same be not opened nor the post at Holborne gate lett down unless by special order of the Trẽar or the Senior Bencher present in the House in the absence of the Trẽar."

Edward Harcourt appointed Chapel Clerk.

Mr. John Locker called to the Bar.

A committee to meet during the vacation for the inspection of the accounts of the House.

Pension 30th April, 1724. Present:—Brewer, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Wither and Ellis.

Mr. Brathwaite Otway, who was formerly called to the Bench, is admitted to his vote in Pension, and is to take his place according to his seniority.

Pension 2nd May, 1724. Present:—Brewer, Otway, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Wither and Ellis.

"Ordered that ye porter of this Society do forthwith give notice to the gentlemen of the severall staircases where ashes or other rubbish or nastiness are laid in the cellars or passages thereto that they oblige their laundresses to cause all ye said ashes rubbish and other filth to be carried to the dunghill near the Bogghouse."

Pension 5th May, 1724. Present:—Otway, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

John Ellis and Humphrey Monox called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Charles Monson Esq. a Barrester of this Society in respect of his disability by ye misfortune of ye loss of his arm of his comeing into comons be allowed to assigne his chamber altho ye 5 years since his call to ye Barr be not expired and that he shall for ye time to come be excused his castings into comons by reason of his said disability of comeing into the Hall but still liable to all other dutyes of ye house."

The following called to the Bench, paying one hundred marks fine:—

Latus Ferd.	Amherst Jeff.	Sclater Tho., *alias* Bacon
Gooding Tho.	Street Leo.	Brougham Jno.
Folkes Hugh	Fawkes Fr.	Berny Ri.
Goodwin Tho.	Dunkin Robt.	Fawcett Jno.
Mather Tho.	Roughley Percival	Haward Wm.
Thompson Leo.	Bedingfield Chr.	Thornhill Tho.
Luck Tho.	Harland Ri.	Merridith Tho.
Lloyd David	Tull Jethro	Greenfeild Wm.
Davison Wm.	Ferrond Benj.	Forcer Fr.
Thomas Rice	Musgrave Jos.	Hale Bernard
Row Jno.	Davenport Humph.	Eyre Wm., *alias* Archer
		Clarkson Jno.

Pension 12th May, 1724. Present:—Otway, Jackson, Hastings, Metcalfe, Clarke, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

William Jessopp, who was formerly called to the Bench, is to have a vote in Pension and take his place according to his seniority.

The Dean of the Chapel is to pay £4 a year out of the collections at Communions in the Chapel to Mrs. Buddle, widow of the late Reader.

No laundress or other person is to empty out of any window into the street, or courts, dirty water, or other filth, on penalty of a fine of 5 shillings for the first offence and dismissal for the second.

PENSION 16th June, 1724. Present:—VAUGHAN, JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH, CLARKE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Ordered that the Steward of this Society do out of the house money now in his hands forthwith purchase four South Sea Bonds of 100ll each and that he bring and lay before the Trẽar ye number date and contents of ye said Bonds and the price of the same."

Mr. Andrew Card appointed Dean of the Chapel.

Mr. Brathwaite Otway elected Treasurer.

PENSION 20th June, 1724. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH, CLARKE, WITHER and ELLIS.

William Ball and John Cay called to the Bar.

John Huson called to the Bar of grace.

The tenants of the six houses in that part of Warwick Court which belongs to Gray's Inn are to repair the gates in that Court.

The Treasurer, or any two of the Bench, are to choose a pattern for iron "palasadoes" to be set round Coney Court, and employ workmen to make and paint them.

PENSION 23rd June, 1724. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, CLARKE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Mr. Treasurer to pay out of the house money £44 10*s.* to Dr. Moss, Dean of Ely [the Preacher], to make up the amount due at Easter.

Pension adjourned till next Tuesday at 10 a.m.

PENSION (adjourned) 30th June, 1724. Present:—JACKSON, HASTINGS, BOOTH, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

The Treasurer with any two of the Bench to view the gap at the upper end of the Black Walk also the benches, arches, alcoves and summer houses and give such orders as they may think fit.

Pension 26th Nov: 1724. Present:—Otway, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Wither and Ellis.

"Ordered that Mr. Francis Atterbury an Antient Barrester of this Society being reduced to want have five pound allowed by the Society towards his support."

Robert Brage and Patrick Garden called to the Bar.

Roger Holland called to the Bar at the request of Sir Robert Raymond, one of His Majesty's Judges.

Mr. Wm. Minshall[1] to have five pounds towards his support, on making a declaration that he will not again apply for assistance.

"Ordered that instead of the wooden trunks at the end of the leaden pipes in the severall staircases in Coney Court now out of repair, new ones be made by the house workmen and be repaid by the proprietors in each staircase."

Pension 6th Feb: 1724. Present:—Otway, Jackson, Gylby, Booth, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

"Whereas by the antient custome and usage of the House the Head Porter for every load of coales brought into the House is intituled to a baskett of coales or sixpence And whereas the present porter Jno. Ferbee has complained that severall refuse to lett him have either coales or money It is now ordered that all persons shall pay the same according to the said antient custome."

"Whereas on the last call to the Bench of this Society it not being then considered that Francis Forcer Esqre and Percival Roughley Esqre had relinquished the profession of the Law and taken upon them a way of life not suitable to the dignity of a Bencher of this Society their names by mistake were incerted in the same order with and among the names of other gentlemen then

[1] In June, 1723, Minshall had petitioned the Lords of the Treasury for His Majesty's bounty, pleading that he had been stedfast to the Protestant interest and zealous for the late revolution, that he had been made by King William attorney for Chester and Flint, but on the accession of Anne had been removed; that he was now past seventy and had been ruined by a nephew who had absconded. No action was taken. In 1727 the Society, which had assisted him more than once, paid for his funeral.

called to the Bench, Now in regard the same was done by inadvertency" their names are to be struck out and regarded as not having been inserted.

Ordered that Nathaniel Booth, Esq., "be desired to acquaint Mr. William Davenport that he has been and is elected Chappell Reader to this Society."

"Ordered that for the future the evening prayers that used to begin in the winter time at three of the clock in the afternoon do not begin untill five of the clock in the afternoon. And that the afternoon service on the Sunday for the future do not begin untill three of the clock."

Pension 9th Feb: 1724. Present:—Otway, Card, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

William Peer Williams Jun: and Edward Roome called to the Bar.

All gentlemen petitioning to be called to the Bar, who have not, at the time of petitioning, a chamber in their own right, are to pay twenty pounds before call.

It is ordered that there be no iron "pallasadoes" round Coney Court, but the wooden ones are to be repaired.

"Ordered that a pavement of flat stone be made six foot wide from the passage by Osbornes shopp to the passage into Chappell Court and from the wicketts at the Walkes gate to Fulwoods Rents gate."

The stone steps out of Field Court to Warwick Stables to be repaired.

The vacant ground at the end of the Chapel to be paled in.

Pension 1st May, 1725. Present:—Otway, Jackson, Gylby, Metcalfe, Booth, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that ye Lord Chief Justice Raymond's coat of arms be forthwith set up in ye Hall window."

"Ordered that it be referred to a Committee of ye whole Bench

or any three of them whereof ye Trẽar or in his absence his Deputy [to be one] to inspect ye condition and state of ye Library of this Society and to report their opinions what may be fittest to be done to establish and improve ye said Library."

"Ordered that ye Steward do forthwith wait on all such members of this Society as have been called to ye Bench and have not accepted their call and give them notice that they do attend ye Bench at ye next Penc̃on and shew cause why they do not accept their said call or that otherwise they shall be fined and otherways proceeded against as ye Bench shall think fitt according to ye ancient rules and orders of this Society."[1]

Pension 4th May, 1725. Present:—Otway, Jackson, etc.

Thomas Peachell, Jun., and John Clarke called to the Bar.

Pension 5th June, 1725. Present:—Card, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Clark, Ellis and Peachell.

"Ordered that such sesspooles or dreins as any three of ye Bench shall think proper be made in ye Walkes for ye carrying away ye water and that ye seats and summerhouses and gates in ye Walkes be painted by ye like direction of ye Trẽar with any two of ye Bench."

A committee to view the cellars under the Duchy Office and report.

William Peer Williams elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"Ordered that a publick Library be sett up and kept open for ye use of ye Society and that a Library Keeper shall be appointed for ye keeping ye said Library and to attend ye same as shall hereafter be appointed by order of Penc̃on and that it be referred to Mr. Trẽar Mr. Gylby Mr. Horton Mr. Jackson Mr. Card Mr. Hast-

[1] In the Diary of Humfrey Wanley, the librarian who laboured so effectively to form, for the Earl of Oxford, the Harleian Collection, it is noted that on the date of the above Pension, one of the Benchers, Nathaniel Booth, had come and perused the MS. about Gray's Inn drawn up some fifty years earlier by Simon Segar. See former volume, p. 454.

ings Mr. Metcalfe Mr. Clark Mr. Booth Mr. Wither Mr. Ellis Mr. Peachell or any three of them to look into ye present law books ye Society has and to see what will be necessary to compleat ye law books of such Library and to consider of ye situation of ye Library and ye shelves for ye same and to report ye same to ye next Pencon and that one hundred pounds besides what has been received for buying books be paid out of ye House Treasury towards ye said charge."

PENSION 12th June, 1725. Present:—CARD, JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, CLARK, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Ordered that for ye future if any member of this Society be called to ye Barr upon making a deposite of £20 in lieu of a chamber that if he shall keep his comons for five years next after he is called to ye Barr and shall pay for his said comons and all other ye duties of ye House coming from him for ye said five years that thereupon at ye said five years end he may be repaid out of ye said £20 deposite ye sum of £10 ye other £10 thereof being to answer to ye House ye duties of assignment of chambers ground rent and other duties incident to chambers if he had had any."

John Hammatt called to the Bar.

The pavement from "ye sink in Chappell Court next ye pump at ye entering in into ye Hall to ye side of ye Hall next ye cellar" to be repaired.

PENSION 15th June, 1725. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, etc.

John Williams called to the Bar.

Pension adjourned to Saturday next at 9 a.m.

PENSION (adjourned) 19th June, 1725. Present:—JACKSON, GYLBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH, METCALFE, CLARK and PEACHELL.

"Ordered that figures be set upon balls over each staircase in Holbourn Court in ye same manner as those in Coney Court."

"Ordered that Mr. Baron Hale's[1] coat of arms be forthwith set up in ye Hall window."

"Ordered that ye books bespoke for ye Library be paid for out of ye House treasury £100 and ye residue out of ye money paid into ye treasury for ye use of ye Library ye bills first being inspected and allowed by ye Trēar Deputy Trēar or any two of ye Bench or by any three of ye Bench in ye absence of ye Trēar and Deputy Trēar and also that ye books be placed on shelves at ye south end of ye Pencon chamber by ye like approbation.[2]

"And also that there be a Library keeper appointed who shall constantly be in ye Library and keep it open for ye use of ye gentlemen of ye Society from nine to one in ye morning and from four to seven in ye afternoon from Easter till Mich^as and from ten to one in ye morning and from three to four in ye afternoon from Mich^as till Easter except he have leave of ye Bench in Pencon to be absent.

"Ordered that Wm. Holmes be ye Library Keeper and to enter upon ye office at Mich^as next and that a chamber be put into repair and condicon for ye said Library Keeper as ye Trēar or deputy Trēar and any of ye Bench or as any three of them in ye absence of ye Trēar or his deputy shall think fitt.

"That ye said Wm. Holmes for his trouble there be allowed him a sixpenny roll a chamber and £10 per annum sallary and cōmons during ye pleasure of ye House."

Pension 13th Nov: 1725. Present:—Otway, Williams, Jackson, Metcalfe, Horton, Ellis and Peachell.

£5 allowed to Mr. Fr. Atterbury, a Barrister of this Society, who is reduced to want.

"Ordered that in answer to ye proposalls made by Mr. Serj^t Whitacre on ye behalf of ye Judges and Serjeants This Society will consent to grant a piece of ground in their high garden containing

[1] Bernard Hale had been called to the Bench in 1724, but never took his seat there. He had been made Chief Baron of the Exchequer in Ireland in 1722, and had shortly before the above order become a Baron of the Exchequer in England.

[2] This order, with which cf. that of 1st June, 1709, indicates that Library and Pension Chamber were at this period one and the same room. The room was on the first floor, north, Chambers, at what is now No. 1, Gray's Inn Square.

564 foot in length from south to north and 126 in breadth at ye south end, 153 foot in ye middle and 178 foot at ye north end and of such farther dimensions northward as may be necessary for ye building a house, coachhouses and stables and other conveniencies for ye Lord Chancellour for ye time being and chambers for ye Judges for ye time being and Serjeants with a Hall and Chappell over ye same, and that Mr. Trẽar do wait on ye said Lord Chancellour Judges and Serjeants and acquaint them with this order and is hereby impowered to make an agreement with them on ye behalf of this Society in pursuance of this order."

The inhabitants of Gray's Inn Lane from Liquor Pond Street to Fox Court are to be warned not to throw dirt, ashes or rubbish against Gray's Inn, or the side of the way belonging to Gray's Inn.

"Ordered that ye House workmen do view ye pavement belonging to severall new houses in Grays Inn Lane which said pavement is raised to an extravagant height, whether or no the same be not a nusance and likely to prove prejudiciall to ye Society by reason of ye water constantly lying on the pavement on their side of ye way and to report to ye next Penc̃on their opinion of ye same."

Pension 27th Nov: 1725. Present:—Otway, Williams, Jackson, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

The order made respecting a new Library keeper is revoked, and the key of the Library to be delivered back to Mr. Harcourt the former Library keeper.

"Ordered that ye said Edward Harcourt do from time to time as he shall be called upon by any member Barrister or Student of this Society waite and attend upon them while they shall have occasion to look into any of ye books of ye said Library so as it be at a reasonable time in ye day and not on Sundays."

Pension 5th Feb: 1725. Present:—Otway, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

The pavement to be repaired on the Gray's Inn side of Gray's Inn Lane.

Jacob Tonson,[1] to have "seven years added to his term of fourteen years which he had at Lady-day 1725 in his shop under Grays Inn Gate next ye Lane with a cellar thereunto belonging so as to make up ye same twenty-one years from Lady-day 1725."

"Ordered that such of ye members of ye House as shall be appointed in open Hall for ye purpose shall have leave to inspect ye books and accompts of ye House and that ye steward or his deputy do attend upon them thereon."

"Ordered that ye Library be kept open for ye use of ye gentlemen of the Society according to their desire this night at Penc̃on and ye Bench will consider between this and ye next Penc̃on who shall be appointed to attend ye same and at what times and also how far ye same shall be further compleated."

Thomas Gooding, John Brougham and John Clarkson are to shew cause next Pension why their chambers should not be seized for their non-acceptance of their Call to the Bench.

Pension 10th Feb: 1725. Present:—Otway, Jackson, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Horton, Wither, Ellis and Peachell.

John Gordon and Joseph Ball called to the Bar.

A committee appointed to see what books are necessary to complete the Library as to all law-books and to provide such books.

"Ordered that ye Library keeper who shall be chose to attend ye Library shall duly attend ye same every day both in and out of term throughout the year except publick fasts and Sundays, in ye winter from nine in ye morning to one except prayer time and in ye afternoon in winter from three untill five and in ye summer in ye morning from eight untill one except prayer time and in ye afternoon from three till seven except prayer time and that he takes care in winter that a fire be duly kept, ye House being at ye charge of fewell. And that ye Library keepers sallery shall be sixteen pounds per annum to be paid by ye Society to witt £4 a term.

[1] Pope's "genial Jacob," purchaser of the copyright of "Paradise Lost," publisher of most of Dryden's works, and secretary of the Kit-Cat Club. According to Dryden he had "two left legs and Judas-coloured hair." His elder brother, Richard, had had this shop (see p. 80), as well as one at Holborn Gate.

"Ordered that Mr. Wm. Davenport Chappell Reader be Library keeper to this Society."

Wm. Holmes to have ten guineas for his pains while Library keeper.

PENSION 17th May, 1726. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, CLARKE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Thomas Gorham appointed bricklayer to the Society.

A pair of new gates to be set up by the gardener's house next Gray's Inn Lane.

PENSION 21st May, 1726. Present:—JACKSON, WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WITHER and PEACHELL.

Edward Collingwood and Joseph Clowes called to the Bar.

Mr. Treasurer to pay to Mr. Gyles, Mr. Williamson and Mr. Osbourne, booksellers, eighty pounds on account for books supplied to the Library.

"Ordered that in answer to Mr. Serj^{t} Whitacres letter of ye 19th of May 1726 relating to ye proposall formerly made on ye behalf of ye Judges and Serjeants This Society will be willing that reserving so much of ye ground in ye former order of ye 13th of Nov. 1725 as will be necessary for ye building a house coach-houses stables and other conveniencies for ye Lord Chancellour for ye time being as in ye said former order is menc̃ond to grant ye rest of ye said ground for building chambers for all the Judges for ye time being and also as far as ye said ground will extend for ye Serjeants And that Mr. Trẽar be desired to acquaint Mr. Serj^{t} Whitacre with this order."

PENSION 25th JUNE, 1726. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WITHER and PEACHELL.

Mr. Peer Williams is continued Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Mr. Thomas Jackson appointed Dean of the Chapel.

John Ryan called to the Bar on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Fortescue and Mr. Baron Hale.

PENSION 9th Nov: 1726. Present:—JACKSON, WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, HORTON, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Orderd that in answer to Mr. Serj^{t} Whitacre's letter of the 11th of June last relating to the proposall formerly made on behalf of the Judges and Serjeants This Society will be willing that 460 foot from south to north of the ground mentioned in the order of Pen̄con of 13th Nov. 1725 and of the dimensions from east to west 126 foot at the south end and about 153 foot at the north end should be granted for the building chambers for the Judges for the time being and Serjeants with a Hall and Chappell over the same And it is further ordered that Mr. Trēar be desired to waite on the Lord Chancellour to know his pleasure whether 100 foot from south to north and 170 foot from east to west at the north end of the said 460 foot of ground be sufficient and to his Lordships satisfaction for the building a house with coach-houses and stables with other conveniencies for the Lord Chancellor and after Mr. Trēar has my Lord Chancellor's answer that he be desired to wait upon the Judges with this order."

"Orderd that the rubbish lying on each side the great gates against the wall going into and out of the garden towards the Crown Coffee House be removed," the ground "pitched" and posts set up to keep "carts etc from running against ye gates and posts belonging to ye same."

"Orderd that the Steward do agree with the Hand in Hand office to insure one thousand pounds on the Chappell Hall and Kitchen of this Society in case of fire."

"Orderd that for preventing nusances and inconveniencies in the passage between the skreen of the Hall and ye Kitchen and the way thereto one door with a lock and key be sett up next Chappell Court and another door at ye passage going from ye skreen to the Stewards closett and that ye said doors be kept lockt in the night time."

"Orderd that iron rings and hooks to hang horses on be set on the posts in Coney Court for preventing tying horses to the pallasado pales."

PENSION 24th Nov: 1726. Present:—JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON, WITHER and PEACHELL.

"Orderd that new stone steps be set up behind ye Chappell going into Holbourn Court with a hard durable stone such as are at ye gate leading to Jockey Fields."

PENSION 26th Nov: 1726. Present:—JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALF, BOOTH, HORTON, WITHER and PEACHELL.

George Middleton called to the Bar.

"Orderd that the porters of this House do not suffer horses to be rid about in Coney Court nor any of the Courts belonging to this Society nor suffer horses asses or other cattle or beasts to be rid led or drove any way through ye House This Penc̃on declaring that if any of ye said porters shall be negligent therein they shall be forthwith removed."

PENSION 23rd Jan: 1726. Present:—JACKSON, WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Ordered unanimously that this Penc̃on as well out of their great zeal for accomodateing all the Lords the Judges and the worshipfull the Serj^ts^ at law as from a prospect they have of promoting the prosperity of this Society will be ready to grant all the ground in the upper part of Grays Inn Walks from the new building southward to within ten foot space of ye tarras walk northwards in length and from ye dead wall westwards to ye hedge above the black walk eastwards in breadth for building appartments for all the twelve Judges and for the Serj^ts^ at law and their successors for the conveniency of transacting business there as they now do in both the Serj^ts^ Inns to be held of this Society under such a rent and for such an estate as the Hono^ble^ the Judges shall think fitt and with such other covenants condic̃ons and limitations as shall be agreed uppon and demed convenient for both parties And that Mr. Trẽar be desired to waite forthwith on the Judges and communicate this proposall to their Lordshipps with all due respects and good wishes from this Society."

PENSION 27th Jan: 1726. Present:—JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALFE, HORTON, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Ordered that the Treasurer "make known to Mr. Serjt Whitacre Trẽar of ye Society of Serjts Inn in Fleet Street" that this Society is ready to grant the land specified at the last Pension "to the Judges and Serjeants or such persons as they shall appoint in trust and for the use of all the Judges and Serjeants" for the term of one thousand years at the yearly rent of twenty shillings. This proposal to be laid before the two Societies of Serjeants' Inn in Fleet Street and Serjeants' Inn in Chancery Lane.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1726. Present:—HASTINGS, METCALFE, etc.

Called to the Bar:—John Stanhope, Edmund Barker and Richard Lepton.

The rent of the chamber in Page's Buildings "where the Comptroller of ye Pipe now keeps his office" to be forthwith paid, or the chamber to be seized.

PENSION 22nd April, 1727. Present:—JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, HORTON, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Ordered in reply to a further letter from Mr. Serjeant Whitacre enclosing "an order of the Board of Green Cloth of the Honoble Society of Serjts Inn in Fleet Street," that "this Pencon being very desirous to express their zeal for accomodating" the Judges and Serjeants, agrees to grant "all the ground in the upper part of Grays Inn Walkes from the new building there southward to the road called Theobalds Way northward in length and from the dead wall next the stable yard on the back of the new building next Bedford Row westward to the green privett hedge next the Black Walk eastward in breadth" for such term and under such rent and conditions as shall be agreed upon.

PENSION 9th May, 1727. Present:—HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Ordered in reply to a further letter from Mr. Serjeant Whitacre enclosing "three orders of Green Cloth of the two Honble Societys

of Serj^ts Inn" relating to the ground in the Walks, that this Pension consents to "grant the fee and inheritance as far as they are capable of the said ground in the said order of Pencon of the 22nd of April mentiond" under such reserved yearly rents, and subject to such conditions, as shall be agreed upon.

PENSION 13th May, 1727. Present:—JACKSON, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Gilbert Dawson called to the Bar of grace "in obedience to a letter from the Lord Chief Justice Raymond."

Henry Lucius Hibbins similarly called "in obedience to a letter from Mr. Baron Hale."

The Treasurer to desire the leave of the Lord Chief Justice Raymond to padlock the chambers used as the Nisi Prius Office, unless Thomas Gooding, who is in possession of them, do before next term accept his call to the Bench and pay his duties for the same.

The chambers of John Brougham to be similarly seized unless he similarly accept his call and pay his duties.

PENSION 15th June, 1727. Present:—JACKSON, WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

"Orderd that the coats of arms in the great window in the Hall be taken down and repaird and that there be wire fixt on the outside to preserve them from being broken for the future."

"Orderd that Wm. Peere Williams Esqre the present Trear be continued for the year ensueing."

PENSION 20th June, 1727. Present:—JACKSON, WILLIAMS, etc.

Called to the Bar:—William Hinton and (of grace) John Williams, Jun., Edward Bertie and William Sutton.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1727.[1] Present:—GYLBY, METCALFE, BOOTHE, HORTON, WITHER, ELLIS and PEACHELL.

Edmund Jenkins called to the Bar.

[1] No proceedings were entered between June, 1727, and the following February.

Mr. Treasurer to lay out four hundred pounds of the Society's money in South Sea Bonds.

PENSION 22nd June, 1728.[1] Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, JESSOPP, METCALFE, BOOTHE, CLARKE, WITHER and PEACHELL.

A committee appointed to see what repairs are needed in the Chapel and order them accordingly, also what painting, etc., is wanted about the iron gates in Field Court, and the seats and other gates in the walks.

A committee appointed to agree with Mr. Coleman for the purchase of Blower's Buildings in Holborn Court, and with the proprietors of the chambers in the paper building in the same Court for the purchase of the said chambers.

PENSION 3rd July, 1728. Present:—HASTINGS, JESSOPP, METCALFE, BOOTHE, CLARKE, WITHER and PEACHELL.

Richard Darby called to the Bar of grace.

Nathaniel Norbury, John Frederick and Thomas Robinson called to the Bar.

The following to be called to the Bench, paying each one hundred marks and all duties owing:

Darby Richard	Bond John	Thompson Luke
Witton Richard	Usher Charles	Durrant William
Wilson Richard	Maud John	Lowe Robert
Gibson Robert	Howe Thomas	Blois Robert
Swinbourn William	Raikes Robert	Plumer William
Owen Morgan	Lightboun James	Thornhill Thomas
Grey George	Lawson Gilfrid	Smith John
Lort George	Lowe Francis	Player Arthur
		Phillipps Edward

"Ordered that Wm. Jessopp Esqr be Treasurer of this Society for ye year ensueing and that John Hastings Esqr and Thomas Peachell Esqr, or one of them, may act as deputy in his absence."

[1] No proceedings were entered between February, 1727-8, and the above date.

"Ordered that all ye gentlemen of this Society of the Bench and who shall duly attend Penc̃ons for the future and have paid their caution money shall have chambers allowed them for their lives." Details to be considered next term.

PENSION 6th July, 1728. Present:—HASTINGS, METCALFE, etc.

Thornagh Gourdon called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Mr. Baron Comyns.

PENSION 4th Feb: 1728.[1] Present:—WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, JESSOPP, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, PEACHELL and GOODING.

Thomas Gooding, Richard Darby and John Brougham, having accepted their call to the Bench and paid their caution money are admitted to vote in Pension.

Mr. Treasurer to pay £20 "charged on the Society by the Commissioners of Sewers."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1728. Present:—GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, PEACHELL and BROUGHAM.

Henry Hawley called to the Bar.

Thomas Freeman (on the recommendation of Mr. Baron Hale), Andrew Hudleston (on the recommendation of Mr. Baron Carter) and Bertram Craster called to the Bar of grace.

Mr. Treasurer to pay £200 for the purchase of Blower's Buildings in Holborn Court.

PENSION 13th May, 1729. Present:—CARD, WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTH, CLARKE, WITHER, PEACHELL, DARBY and BROUGHAM.

'Ordered unanimously that the Reverend Dr. Norton[2] be and

[1] No entry appears between July, 1728, and this date.

[2] William Norton had been a fellow of King's College, Cambridge. At this time he was Vicar of Deptford. Note that he was appointed "Morning Preacher," and not

is hereby elected Morning Preacher to this Society to succeed the Reverend Dr. Moss Dean of Ely decd as custome and occasion shall require And that he be allowed ye yearly stipend of one hundred and tenn pounds together with the chamber belonging to former Preachers and conions as usual."

"Ordered unanimously that the Reverend Mr. Banyer[1] be and is hereby elected lecturer or afternoon Preacher to this Society dureing the pleasure of the Bench and to be allowed the stipend of forty pounds a year."

"Ordered that Mr. Wm. Davenport do attend at the next Pencon to answer for his neglect to attend the service both in ye Chappell and Library."

Mr. Peere Williams elected Dean of the Chapel.

Pension 14th June, 1729. Present:—Williams, Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Booth, Clarke, Wither, Peachell, Gooding and Darby.

"Orderd that the Revd Mr. Wm. Noble A.M.[2] be chosen Chappell Reader to this Society in the room of Mr. Wm. Davenport to enjoy the sallery and profits of the same and to continue during the pleasure of the Bench."

"Orderd that Wm. Holmes be chosen Library Keeper to this Society and that his sallary be considerd of at another Pencon."

Pension 21st June, 1729. Present:—Williams, Gylby, etc.

Thomas Clarke, jun., and George Corbett called to the Bar of Grace.

simply "Preacher," and that there was a corresponding difference between his, and his predecessors' stipend. By the above orders the Bench undertook to provide their own afternoon Lecturer, instead of arranging with one Preacher to perform, or supply both the morning and the afternoon discourse. They had probably suffered at the hands of deputies. £40 a year was deducted from what had been the Preacher's stipend, and allocated to paying a regular Afternoon Preacher.

[1] Edward Banyer was, some ten years later, appointed Vicar of Royston, Herts. He continued, however, to hold the post at Gray's Inn till 1749.

[2] According to the "Daily Courant" of 16th June, 1735, Noble was inducted on the twelfth of that month into the Rectory of Nettiswell, Essex. He continued, however, to hold his post at Gray's Inn till his death in December, 1765.

Pension (adjourned) 27th June, 1729. Present:—Gylby, Hastings, Booth, Clarke, Withier, Peachell, Gooding and Darby.

Nathaniel Booth elected Treasurer.

Mr. Treasurer to "put out" so much of the balance in hand of the Society as he and any two others of the Bench shall think fit "upon South Sea Bonds."

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar doe attend Wm. Peere Williams Esq and present him with fifteen guineas for his trouble in the affairs of the Society to be laid out in a piece of plate if he thinks proper."

"Ordered that the watch house now on ye inside of ye garden gates be removed to ye outside and placed against ye great wall And that there be one watchman appointed to attend and goe ye rounds every halfe hour And that it be refferred to Mr. Trẽar and two others of the Bench to make such orders touching ye same as they shall think proper with ye approbation of the rest of ye Bench."

"Ordered that no person shall have liberty to renew his chamber who has not seaven years to come at ye time of his application, without a speciall order to the contrary."

"Ordered that the Library be kept open from Lady day to Mich^as^ from nine in the morning till one and from three in the afternoon till six and from Mich^as^ till Lady day from nine in ye morning till one and in ye afternoon from three till four.

"That from Mich^as^ till the 1st day of May a fire be kept in the Library at Library Hours.

"That no booke be taken out of ye Library upon any pretence whatever. To prevent confusion amongst ye bookes all gentlemen are desired when they take any booke out of its place to read to putt it in ye same place again or order ye Library Keeper to doe it.

"That the Library Keeper tell over the bookes once every week and compare all the bookes with the catalogue four times every year giving notice of the time to some one of the Benchers who may see it done if he pleases and as soon as the Library Keeper discovers any booke to be missing that he give notice thereof to one or more of the gentlemen of the Bench.

"That noe bookes be brought into the Library without an order of Pencon.

"That William Holmes the Library Keeper be allowed a sallery of five and twenty pounds a year to be paid him termly."

Pension 27th Nov: 1729. Present:—Metcalfe, Booth, Wither, Peachell, Gooding, Darby and Brougham.

Charles Gray called to the Bar of grace.

Mr. Joseph Ball to be allowed ten pounds out of the twenty paid by him in lieu of having a chamber when he was called to the Bar, but his duties for five terms, required to make up five years from his call, are to be deducted.

"Ordered that ye order of Penc̃on made ye 12th of June 1725 be discharged and that no money that has or shall be paid in lieu of chambers by any gentleman who shall be called to ye Barr shall be returned for ye future."

Pension 10th Feb: 1729. Present:—Gylby, Hastings, etc.

John Tempest Borrow called to the Bar.

Pension adjourned to the 18th inst. at 9 a.m.

Pension 18th Feb: 1729. Present:—Gylby, Hastings, Metcalfe, Boothe, Wither, Peachell, Gooding and Brougham.

The shop of Patrick Meighan, bookbinder, in the Holborn Gateway to be repaired.

Watch houses to be set up in Holborn and Field Courts.

"Orderd that the Lord Bacon's Works of small paper be brought into the Library."

"Orderd that there be three watchmen besides the two porters to watch every night in each court one in winter from nine to six and in summer from ten to five and the two porters to watch by turns at Holbourn Gate ye same hours during the like Seasons and the porter whose turn it is not to watch at Holbourn Gate do that night watch at Grays Inn Lane Gate till twelve of the clock at night when ye gate is to be shutt and the Key to be left with ye watchman that watches in Coney Court that he may open it upon any necessary

occasion and each watchman to have one shilling per night for each night he watches."

"Mr. Westby having on ye behalf of the proprietors of the conic lamps made ye following proposall vizt: to light Gray's Inn with globular lamps as large and good as those lighted by ye said proprietors in ye Temple to burn every night from ye time it grows dark untill two of the clock in the morning the Honble Society paying to ye said proprietors twelve pence per week for each lamp so burning and twelve pence per lamp for ye season the said lamps shall be used each year, Ordered that the same be agreed to and that the lamps begin to be lighted the 1st of September next and continue to be lighted untill the last day of Aprill following."

PENSION 9th MAY, 1730. Present:—HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, PEACHELL and GOODING.

Richard Morley called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Richard Lepton Esq a Barrester of this Society doe at the first Pencon of the next term shew cause why he has made a door out of his Chamber into the little yard or garden at ye east end of the Chappell."

The wall which keeps up the "Tarrass" "from ye circular seat westward" to be pulled down to the level of the garden below.

Mr. Treasurer and any two of the Bench to enquire for "a proper security for a sum not exceeding £1600" in order to the investment of House money.

PENSION 4th June, 1730. Present:—GYLBY, HASTINGS, WITHER, PEACHELL, GOODING and BROUGHAM.

Nathaniel Booth to continue Treasurer for another year.

"Whereas complaint haveing[1] been made that ye chambers one story N° 9 in Holborn Court are let by John Metcalfe Esq to the Commissioners for licensing hawkers and pedlars etc that the resort of those people will be a great inconveniency to the gentlemen in

[1] The participle with "whereas" occurs frequently in the MS. and is evidently no mere slip of the pen.

that staircase and the Bench being of opinion that it is not proper that such an office should be admitted into this Society Ordered that Mr. Metcalfe do attend in his place ye next Penc̃on to shew cause why he lett the said chambers to ye said Commissioners and why they should not be prevented from coming into the said chambers."

PENSION 11th June, 1730. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, METCALF, WITHER, PEACHELL, GOODING and BROUGHAM.

Phillip Prime called to the Bar.

Thomas Reynolds, on the recommendation of Lord Chief Justice Raymond and Lord Chief Baron Reynolds, is called to the Bar of grace.

Mr. Treasurer to pay £45 for the purchase of the chambers two stories high in the paper buildings in Holborn Court.

Mr. John Metcalf, Jun., and Mr. Thomas Jett to show cause concerning the chambers let to the Commissioners for licensing pedlars and hawkers.

PENSION 19th Nov: 1730. Present:—HASTINGS, JESSOPP, BOOTH, PEACHELL, DARBY and BROUGHAM.

"Inner Temple, Bench Table,
"11th of November 1730.

"Ordered that the under Trẽar of this house wait upon the Trẽar of the Society of Grays Inn and acquaint him that a conference is desired with him and the Masters of ye Bench of that Society upon matters of consequence relating to both Societies on Fryday next at seven of ye clock in the evening at ye Parlim^t Chamber in the said Inner Temple if they shall think ye time convenient.

"Vera copia exãiat per Francum Peters, sub-Thes."

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer do send a message to the Treasurer of ye Inner Temple and acquaint him that the Benchers of this Society will meet ye Benchers of that Society on Tuesday next at

7 of the clock in the evening at their Parliament Chamber as desired by them."[1]

"Ordered that Mr. Trẽar do provide ye following books for ye Library vizt Harris' *Lexicon*[2] 2 volumes Lilly's *Conveyancer* the 2 additionall to the *State Tryalls* large paper."

"Ordered that the great gates in Holborn Court be shut up at nine of ye clock every night by the porter as usuall but that the porter shall open ye same to lett coaches in for any gentlemen of ye Society till 12 of ye clock at night and not after."

PENSION 27th Nov: 1730. Present:—HASTINGS, METCALFE, BOOTHE, WITHER, PEACHELL and BROUGHAM.

Mr. Ascough Fawkes called to the Bar.

Ordered that Mr. John Metcalfe "do before the first Pencon in ye next term remove ye Commissioners' office for Hawkers and pedlars etc." out of his chamber.

A committee appointed to meet the committees appointed by the other Inns of Court "to consider of ye severall matters proposed at ye late meeting with the Benchers of the Inner Temple."

PENSION (adjourned) 8th Dec: 1730. Present:—HASTINGS, BOOTH, WITHER, DARBY, PEACHELL and BROUGHAM.

"Ordered that in case any of ye South Sea Bonds in ye Trẽar's hands for ye benefit of the Society be paid of the Trẽar to receive ye money and apply that and £500 more in his hands to the buying East India Bonds."

Pension adjourned to 30th December at 12 o'clock.

PENSION (adjourned) 30th Dec: 1730. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, JESSOPP, BOOTH, WITHER, PEACHELL, GOODING and BROUGHAM.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer doe in the name of the Bench

[1] This appears to have been the first of many conferences held during the eighteenth century. What the "matters of consequence" were, is indicated in an order of 1st May, 1733, *q.v.*

[2] "Lexicon Technicum," a dictionary of Arts and Sciences.

desire the executors of Dr. Robert Moss Dean of Ely and Preacher to this Society to print his sermons and leave is given to make use of this ye desire of this Bench for the printing the same."[1]

"Ordered that Wm. Peere Williams Dean of the Chappell be desired forthwith to provide a handsome velvit pulpit cloth and cushions for ye pulpit in ye Chappell as likewise a velvit cloth to cover ye Comunion Table the said pulpit cloth cushions and Comunion Table cloth to be fringed and done in such ornamentall fashionable and decent manner as ye said Mr. Williams shall think most proper And that Mr. Trẽar do defray the charge thereof out of the stock of the House."

Mr. Metcalfe or his tenant having encroached upon ground at the "east end of the low garden adjoyning to Grays Inn Walks next Grays Inn Lane," a committee is appointed to consider and deal with the matter.

Pension 11th Feb: 1730. Present:—Gylby, Hastings, Jessopp, Booth, Wither, Peachell, Darby and Brougham.

"Whereas some lands in the County of Northampton being proposed as securities by way of mortgage for one thousand pounds the money of this Society," Ordered that it be referred to a committee to look into the title and if they find it good to "take proper conveyances to ye Steward or his son in trust for this Society."

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer be desired to give orders to the proper officer of this House to waite upon the Trẽar of the Inner Temple and acquaint him that a conferrence is desired with him and the Masters of the Bench of that Society upon matters of consequence relateing to both Societys on Wensday the 24th of this instant Feby at 7 of ye clock in the evening at ye Penc̃on Chamber of Grays Inn but if they shall think that time not convenient then any other time they shall please to appoint."

"Ordered that Mr. Edward and Mr. Nathaniel Bacon sons of

[1] The sermons accordingly appeared with the following dedication: "To the worshipful the Masters of the Bench of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn these discourses preached before them, and at their request published, are humbly inscribed by their most obliged servant, Mary Moss."

Waller Bacon Esqr a Bencher of this Society be admitted and the payment of their admittance fines be respited untill their respective entering into comons."

PENSION 26th June, 1731. Present:—CARD, WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, JESSOPP, BOOTH, CLARK, WITHER, PEACHELL and GOODING.

William Gylby appointed Dean of the Chapel.

Thomas Clarke appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

"Ordered that the election of a Preacher for this Society in the room of Dr. Wm. Norton decd be by ballotting and is hereby fixt for Monday the 5th of July next at seven of ye clock in the Evening."

PENSION 5th July, 1731. Present:—CARD, WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH, CLARK, JESSOPP, WITHER, PEACHELL, GOODING and DARBY.

"Ordered that the Reverend Doctor Henry Stebbing be and is hereby elected Morning Preacher to this Society to succeed the Rev^d Dr. Wm. Norton decd from this term and that he be allowed ye yearly stipend of one hundred and ten pound together with the chamber belonging to the former Preachers and comons as usuall and the said stipend to be paid him at £27 10^s 0^d at the end of each term out of ye money to be collected on ye Preachers Roll the first payment to be made at ye end of this term but thereout first to be deducted 2 guineas to be sent as a compliment to each of the Preachers which have preached as candidates for the same and the overplus to be paid to the said Dr. Stebbing and that Mr. Treasurer doe acquaint him herewith."

[1] The accounts show that there were six of these candidates. Dr. Stebbing was during the same year appointed lecturer at St. Mary's-le-Bow. He was a well-known controversialist in his day. In 1735 he was made Archdeacon of Wilts, and in 1739 Chancellor of Sarum. In 1748 he became, in addition, rector of Redenhall, Norfolk, and the following year his son succeeded him at Gray's Inn. See orders of November, 1749.

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1731. Present:—WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, BOOTH, PEACHELL, DARBY and BROUGHAM.

Jacob Tonson, on paying a fine of £6 1*s.* 3*d.*, is to have eight years added to his thirteen years which he will have to come at Lady day 1733 in his shop "at Grays Inn Gate next the lane."

Numbers to be "sett up over the severall staircases in Field Court."

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1731. Present:—GYLBY, HASTINGS, BOOTH, WITHER, PEACHELL, DARBY and BROUGHAM.

Waller Bacon elected Treasurer.[1]

James Boulton called to the Bar.

Mr. Wither with the Treasurer and any two others of the Bench empowered to "purchase the chambers in the paper Buildings in Holborn Court" and certain chambers in "the next staircase eastwards N° 3."

PENSION 10th Feb: 1731. Present:—GYLBY, HASTINGS, etc.

Henry Bendyshe called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 19th Feb: 1731. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, PEACHELL, GOODING, DARBY and BROUGHAM.

"Ordered that Mr. Gylby and Mr. Wither or any other 2 of the Benchers of this Society do treat with persons and buy the severall volumes of Rymer's *Federa* at the most reasonable price they can."

Ordered that the Treasurer of this Society "doe not lay out above ye sum of five pounds without an order of Penc̃on, except it be for ye payment of the house debts."

[1] Waller Bacon duly served the office for two years, but was never, except on one occasion, so far as I can discover, present at a Pension.

Pension 16th May, 1732. Present:—Otway, Gylby, Hastings, Booth, Wither, Peachell, Gooding, Darby and Brougham.

"Orderd that ye Dean of the Chappell and any other Bencher do give orders for the repairing and beautifying of ye Chappell in ye next long vacacon."

Pension 20th May, 1732. Present:—Williams, Gylby, etc.

Thomas Walker (recommended by Chief Baron Reynolds and Baron Thompson), Oliver Marton and Mathew Ridley called to the Bar of grace.

Pension adjourned to Wednesday in Whitsun week.

Pension (adjourned) 31st May, 1732. Present:—Gylby, Hastings, Booth, Peachell, Gooding and Brougham.

"Orderd that Mr. Trear do provide nine handsome Common Prayer Books for the Benchers pews in the Chappell such as shall be approved of by the Dean of the Chappell."

"Orderd that Mr. Trear do buy of Thos. Osborne, bookseller, for ye use of the Library Rymers[1] *Foedera* being the old edition consisting of eighteen volumes at ye price of forty-five pounds."

Mrs. Hungerford to pay five shillings a year as an acknowledgment for the encroachment on the House ground in the backyard of the Castle Tavern, the said encroachment being 9 foot 2 inches long and 3 foot 2 inches wide.

Pension 27th June, 1732. Present:—Gylby, Hastings, Jessop, Boothe, Wither, Peachell and Gooding.

Waller Bacon to continue Treasurer for another year.

William Gylby to continue Dean of the Chapel for another year.

Hawley Bishop called to the Bar.

[1] Thomas Rymer had been an Ancient, though never a Bencher of Gray's Inn. (*See* p. 98.) The above was the original edition, which, however, was in twenty volumes, of his great work. A reprint had been issued between 1727 and 1730 by Tonson at £50 the set.

PENSION (adjourned) 1st July, 1732. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, HASTINGS, JESSOP, BOOTHE, WITHER, PEACHELL, GOODING and DARBY.

A committee to agree for the repair of the Duchy Office with the Master thereof so as not to lay out above £100. The rent to be advanced at the rate of eight per cent.

"Ordered that eight good chambers which shall be in the hands of the Society at or before Midsummer 1733 shall be appropriated for ye use of the eight senior Benchers in succession for their respective lives[1] subject nevertheless to the orders and dutys of the Society and to such qualifications as are hereinafter mentiond, that is to say:—

"That none of the present Benchers shall be admitted to such a chamber that has not been present at Pencon and dined in the Hall within five years last past And that each Bencher after he shall be so admitted shall attend one term in a year by dining in the Hall and being present at one Pencon at least in each of the said terms so long as he shall hold his said chamber unless prevented by some reasonable excuse to be allowed by the majority of the Bench.

"That no Bencher shall be admitted to such a chamber till he has discharged all arrears of dutys to the Society.

"That the said eight senior Benchers so qualified shall be admitted into such chamber which they shall respectively choose according to their seniority.

"That such Bencher after such choice shall be concluded thereby for life.

"That any Bencher may postpone his choice till a chamber more to his liking may fall to the Society.

"Provided that if any Bencher so admitted to a chamber shall not attend as aforesaid and duely observe the said rules and conditions above he shall forfeit his said chamber to ye next Bencher in turn who shall be entituled to such chamber according to ye rules above mentioned.

"That there being only three proper chambers now in the hands

[1] See pp. 65 and 143 of former volume, and order of 10th June, 1740.

of the House five more proper chambers shall be purchased as soon as conveniently may be in order to be Bench chambers And that any two of the Benchers may treat for any such chambers and report what they have done therein at ye first Penc̃on in Michaelmas term."

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1732. Present:—WILLIAMS, HASTINGS, BOOTH, GOODING, DARBY and BROUGHAM.

Jeffrey Amherst having accepted his call to the Bench and paid his caution money is allowed his vote in Pension.

William Hendley to be called to the Bench, paying one hundred marks.

PENSION 24th Jan: 1732. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, GOODING, DARBY, BROUGHAM and HENDLEY.

William Hendley admitted to vote in Pension.

Joseph Butler called to the Bar of grace.

PENSION 1st Feb: 1732. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, GOODING, DARBY, BROUGHAM and HENDLEY.

"Orderd that four Benchers present in Penc̃on shall be a sufficient number for receiving and referring any petic̃on for being called to ye Barr but for no other purpose or business."

PENSION 8th Feb: 1732. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, GOODING, DARBY, BROUGHAM and HENDLEY.

William Johnson called to the Bar.

"Orderd that ye money in hand belonging to this Society be laid out upon East India bonds reserving enough for the necessary expences of the House."

The following to be called to the Bench, paying one hundred marks, viz:—William Bromfield, William Lloyd,[1] Francis Darrell, William Busby, Thomas Player, John Fowle, William Johnson.

Peter Hinde's term renewed "in a low building with severall little rooms and cellers belonging to ye same in Holborn Court adjoyning to ye Kitchen."

[1] His name is given on p. 165 as Floyd owing to a scribal error.

Pension 10th Feb: 1732. Present:—Williams, Gylby, Booth, Wither, Gooding, Darby, Brougham, Hendley and Johnson.

William Johnson admitted to vote in Pension.

"Orderd that Mr. William Dent be imployed as an Attorney in ye House business."

"Orderd that ye steward do enquire of the Commissioners of the New River water whether they will alter their terms and to report ye same at ye next Pencon."

Pension (adjourned) 21st Feb: 1732. Present:—Gylby, Booth, Wither, Gooding, Brougham, Hendley and Johnson.

"Orderd that lamps be set up at each Bencher's chamber door instead of candles when any of them shall order ye same as often and for so long a time as they shall require Mr. Westby having at this Pencon proposed to set up and keep ye same well and in good order after ye rate of one shilling per week and so proportionably and that each Bencher be desired to signifie to ye steward when he would have ye same cease and be revived."

Pension 26th April, 1733. Present:—Otway, Booth, etc.

Charles Robinson called to the Bar.

Pension 1st May, 1733. Present:—Otway, Bacon, Gylby, Jessop, Booth, Wither, Gooding, Amherst, Brougham, Hendley and Johnson.

"Ordered that the qualificacons for calling gentlemen to the Barr proposed by the Benchers of the Inner Temple and this Society be agreed to and that the same be transmitted to the Benchers of the Inner Temple and be proceeded upon as therein directed."

"It is hereby declared to be the Constitution of the House that all gentlemen being called to the Bench and accepting their call shall have their precedency according to their seniority by admission in

the House and no otherwise And therefore Mr. Bromfield being admitted of the House before Mr. Hendley though called to the Bench after[1] him have ye preceedency of Mr. Hendley."

PENSION 7th June, 1733. Present:—OTWAY, WILLIAMS, GYLBY, WITHER, GOODING, BROUGHAM, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

William Bromfield admitted to vote in Pension.

Andrew Wither elected Treasurer in place of Waller Bacon.

"Ordered that the Society doe pay thirty shillings a year for the New River water laid into ye gardiners house."

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1733. Present:—BOOTH, GOODING, AMHERST, BROMFIELD, HENDLEY and JOHNSON.

Two lamps to be set up at the outside of the gate into Holborn and two at that into Gray's Inn Lane.

"Mr. James Innes a gentleman of this Society haveing presented ye said Society with a book intituled *Idea Juris Scotici or a Sumery View of the Laws of Scotland* It is ordered that the Steward doe waite upon Mr. Innes and return ye thanks of the Bench for the favour of his present."

PENSION (adjourned) 15th Dec: 1733. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, GOODING, BROUGHAM, BROMFIELD, HENDLEY and JOHNSON.

A committee to consider repairs and renewal of the steps from Field Court into Holborn Court.

Ordered that Mr. Dyer, Mr. Thomas Walker and Mr. Wm. Brage, of the Bar Mess, attend at the first pension next term "to give an account of the reason of theire discontent."

PENSION 5th Feb: 1733. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, BROUGHAM, BROMFIELD, HENDLEY and JOHNSON.

"Ordered that the sum of one hundred and eighty pound which was paid by the Trẽar out of the Society's money for purchaseing in

[1] The MS. has "before"—obviously a scribal error.

trust for the Society the fee farm rent of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* issueing out of ye Society be allowed him on his accounts togeather with ye charge of inrolling in Chancery ye purchase deed and other necessary expences therein."[1]

The fence "round the garden in the walks" to be repaired at a cost of £31. Hereafter the gardener is to keep it in repair.

"Whereas John Alder ye Collector of ye land tax hath imbezelled ye sum of £61 11*s.* 11*d.* part of the money he so collected and Thomas Pryor collector of ye window tax hath alsoe imbezelled ye sum of £34 2*s.* 3*d.* part of the money which he on that account collected that therefore their wages and rolls be applyed towards satisfying their said respective debts And that their punishment for their breach of trust be respited till further consideracon be had thereof."

"Whereas a declaracon haveing been delivered to Mr. John Metcalfe an inhabitant of a chamber in this Society belonging to Mrs. Swinbourn upon ye demise of Francis Astrey D^r^ in Divinity It is ordered that Mr. Thomas Smyth of this Society do make ye said Mr. Jno. Metcalfe a defendant in ye said ejectment and defend ye same and shall be defended at ye expence of ye Society and that ye said Mr. Metcalfe be indemnified from all cost and charges that may be occasioned thereby."

John Fereby, head porter, is to collect land and window taxes and account to the Steward who is to discharge the said taxes and enter the figures in the Society's accounts.

Pension (adjourned) 20th Feb: 1733. Present:—Booth, Wither, Gooding, Darby, Brougham, Bromfield, Hendley and Johnson.

"Ordered that for ye future ye time of goeing to Chappell on Sunday mornings be at halfe an hour after ten of the clock and that ye first bell be rung at a quarter after 10 of the clock."

Mr. Treasurer to see that "the damage done by the late high wind" be repaired.

[1] See former volume, p. xlviii, and references there given; also pp. 135 and 137, *supra.*

The Steward to "make enquiry from what chamber or staircase in No. 11 in Coney Court severall guns or pistolls were fired on Munday night last."

PENSION 16th May, 1734. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, GOODING, DARBY, BROUGHAM and BROMFIELD.

"Ordered that the Rev^d Dr. Henry Stebbing Preacher to this Society be allowed twenty pound paid in liew of a chamber from Trinity Term next."

"Ordered that Thomas Clark Esqr a Barrister of this Society haveing kept three years coñions that on his payment of ten pounds in 2 months time for ye remaining two years after his being called to ye Barr that his bond dated ye 19 of June 1729 be delivered up to him."

"Ordered that ye widdow Miller who keeps ye Ladys Gallery in ye Chappell shew cause at ye next Penc̃on why she together with her inmates should not be removed from her chamber wherein she lodgeth in Holbourn Court."

PENSION 27th June, 1734. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, DARBY, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

Mr. Treasurer, or any two others of the Bench, may employ workmen other than those belonging to the House as occasion may require.

Mr. Andrew Wither to continue Treasurer for another year.

PENSION (adjourned) 11th Dec: 1734. Present:—BOOTH, WITHER, DARBY, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer or any other two of ye Bench do contract for the house in George yard behind the paper Buildings in Holbourn Court now in ye possession of Kite."[1]

[1] See order of 1st July, 1698. These paper buildings were in the south row of what is now South Square. The term "paper" had been applied to other old buildings in the Inn. See note on p. 87.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1734. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, etc.

Christopher Fawcett and Kingsmil Evans called to the Bar by grace.

PENSION (adjourned) 19th Feb: 1734. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, etc.

James Innes called to the Bar by grace on the recommendation of Lord Chief Baron Reynolds.

PENSION 8th May, 1735. Present:—OTWAY, WITHER, DARBY, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

Morgan Owen having accepted his call to the Bench and paid his caution money is admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 13th May, 1735. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, etc.

Gery Packwood called to the Bar by grace on the recommendation of Lord Chief Justice Eyre and Mr. Justice Lee.

PENSION (adjourned) 21st May, 1735. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN and JOHNSON.

£700 of the money in hand to be "put out on India Bonds at three and a half per cent."

The Treasurer to agree with John Mist for the paving of that part of Gray's Inn Lane lying within the posts about a yard distant from the wall of the Society's buildings, and so much of the Lane outside the said posts as belongs to the Society to pave, at £7 a year.

PENSION 19th June, 1735. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, AMHERST, OWEN, BROMFEILD and JOHNSON.

Richard Darby chosen Treasurer.

The feoffees of the Society to execute a lease of the messuage, yard, and sheds in Gray's Inn Lane, now in the possession of

Samuel Jones, coachmaker, to William Dickinson, coachmaker. Samuel Jones on quitting the premises shall be released from a debt of £36 due to the Society, and shall have £30 as a bounty from the Society "in regard of his poverty."

Mr. John Smyth to have the use of "the garden at ye east end of ye Chappell and the doorway made out of his chamber N° 7 in Holbourn Court into ye same" paying one shilling a year as an acknowledgment.

PENSION 13th Nov: 1735. Present:—WILLIAMS, BOOTH, DARBY, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

Stephen Comyn called to the Bar of grace.

Fargus Clavering chosen Library Keeper in the room of William Holmes deceased.

PENSION (adjourned) 10th Dec: 1735. Present:—WILLIAMS, WITHER, DARBY, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

Mr. Wither empowered to treat for the purchase of a chamber one story high in the paper building in Holborn Court.

Thomas Adams appointed "Chief Butler's Man," and "to be assistant to the Steward in all respects as the late William Beaver was."

PENSION 31st Jan: 1735. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, DARBY, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

William Aspin admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1735. Present:—WILLIAMS, GYLBY, etc.

Aurungzebe Hatfield called to the Bar.

James Mainwaring, on the recommendation of Lord Chief Justice Hardwicke, called to the Bar of grace.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1735. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, etc.

Richard Lamplugh and Edward Twells called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 19th Feb: 1735. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, DARBY, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

"Ordered that the Steward do pay to Mr. Birmingham twelve guineas for the Parliament Cases of the last twelve years he undertaking to supply and make good what shall appear to be wanting and also that the Steward take in every year for the future the Parliament Cases of every sessions the Treasurer paying for the same one guinea annually."

A Committee to "consider of proper methods for the repairing or new building the paper buildings in Holborn Court."

PENSION 25th May, 1736. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, ASPIN, DARBY, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

The agreement made by the Treasurer with Thomas Johnson, blacksmith, "for erecting iron palazadoes between each staircase" in Coney Court for the sum of £500 3*s.* 5*d.*, is sanctioned.

PENSION 1st June, 1736. Present:—WILLIAMS, WITHER, etc.

Gawin Aynsley called to the Bar.

PENSION 10th July, 1736. Present:—BOOTH, WITHER, DARBY, AMHERST, OWEN and BROMFIELD.

"Ordered that Lord Hales *History of the Pleas of the Crown* in the largest paper be purchased for the use of the Society of Mr. Gyles and also that a proposall for publishing a full view of the publick transaccons in the reign of Queen Elizabeth be subscribed for by the Trẽar for the use of the Society and also that Bayle's *Historicall Dictionary* be purchased for the use of the Society of Mr. Williamson."

PENSION 16th Nov: 1736. Present:—ASPIN, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and JOHNSON.

Luke Thompson admitted to vote in Pension.

Mr. Filmore to view the steps and rails of the stairs going up to the gallery in the Chappell and report to Pension.

PENSION 27th Jan: 1736. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, ASPIN, BROUGHAM, OWEN and BROMFIELD.

"Ordered that Mr. Wormell do make 12 strong wallnut tree frame Chairs with leather bottoms according to the modell or patterns produced at 16*s.* per chair."

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1736. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, ASPIN, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN and BROMFIELD.

Albert Delande called to the Bar of grace at the recommendation of Mr. Justice Fortescue.

"Ordered that for the future for the half weeks commons commenceing on the Sunday 3*s.* 6*d.* be paid by every member of this Society, and for the commons for the last half week commenceing on the Wednesday 4*s.* 6*d.* be paid making for the whole week 8*s.* as usuall."

William Aspin elected Treasurer in the room of Richard Darby deceased.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1736. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, ASPIN, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, THOMPSON and BROMFIELD.

Mr. Gyles, the bookseller, to pay £5 per annum for the chamber now in his possession "at ye will of the Bench."

"Ordered that the severall gentlemen whose names are underwritten which were entred as members of this House beginning 20th of May 1706 and ending 10th of May 1711 inclusive be called to the Bench they first paying each of them one hundred marks as a fine and all other duties in arrear to the House and to take their places according to their seniority and that they do attend at the 1st Pension in the next Term in order to accept their said call viz:—

Yarburgh Edm.	20 May, 1706	Revely Willie	31 Jan., 1707
Hulton Wm.	4 May, 1707	Monson Geo.	2 Feb., ,,
Legard Robt.	21 May, ,,	Cayley Cor.	10 Feb., 1708

Chetham Ed.	7 May, 1709	Williams Robt.	6 Feb., 1710
Humphrey Jno.	17 Nov., ,,	Williams Thos.	10 May, 1711
Feltham Ralph	21 May, 1710	and Dyer Thos.	15 May, ,,
Rookeby Langham	7 June, ,,		

"Ordered that Oliver Marton Esqr be also called to the Bench."

PENSION 27th April, 1737. Present:—OTWAY, BOOTH, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

Oliver Marton admitted to vote in Pension.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer be desired to pay unto Thos. Adams for fair transcribing ye Catalogue of all the books in the Library and for books the sum of £3 3*s*."

PENSION 17th May, 1737. Present:—OTWAY, GYLBY, WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, THOMPSON, BROMFIELD, FELTHAM and MARTON.

Ralph Feltham admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 14th June, 1737. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, OWEN, THOMPSON, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered that the surviving trustees of the scite of this Society do assign their said trust to the present Benchers of this Society and that Mr. Treasurer with any two of ye Bench do settle the draught for such assignment."

"Ordered that the Treasurer or any two gentlemen of the Bench do apply to Dr. Stebbing Preacher of this Society and desire him to print his two sermons preached in ye Chapple of this Society on the 5th and 12th of this present month."

PENSION 23rd June, 1737. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, ASPIN, OWEN, THOMPSON and MARTON.

A committee to treat "for the purchase of three Houses in Warwick Court held of Grays Inn."

"Ordered that a Library and chambers in Holborn Court be built according to the scheme markt A. B."[1]

Called to the Bar:—John Borrow, Thomas Borrow and Edward Marton.

Proprietors of chambers having a term of 13 years or upwards to come at Ladyday last may renew by adding 8 years, so that they do so before their term runs to 12 years. The fine is to be three-fourths of a moiety of the original fine set on their respective chambers. Those who do not renew before their term runs to 12 years are to pay in addition one-fourth part of the original fine for each half year by which their term falls short of 12 years. When the term has not more than five years to run, an arbitrary fine will be imposed. Proprietors of chambers inhabited by strangers are to pay on renewal a sum equal to one-quarter part of the original fine, over and above what is paid for chambers inhabited by members.

PENSION 26th Jan: 1737. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, ASPIN, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFEILD and MARTON.

A committee to treat with representatives of the Masters in Chancery "about accomodating them with chambers in Holborn Court."

Charles Gray called to the Bench and to vote in Pension.

PENSION 4th Feb: 1737. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFEILD and MARTON.

The Steward to buy ten East India Bonds.

"Ordered that the Morning Preacher and the Reader for the time being belonging to the Chapple of this Society be at liberty to marry any persons in the said Chappell as usual. But if any persons are desirous to be marryed in the said Chapple by any forreign clergyman that leave be first asked and obtained from the Morning Preacher for the time being, or in his absence from the Reader for the time being."[2]

[1] No Library was built under this order. The room on the first floor (north) at 1, Coney Court (Gray's Inn Square) continued to be used until 1788.

[2] A register of the marriages which took place in Gray's Inn Chapel between 1695 and 1754 was alphabetically arranged and printed as an appendix to Foster's Admission Register. Lord Hardwicke's Act (26 George II, c. 33) put an end to the solemnization of matrimony in the Chapel.

PENSION (adjourned) 17th Feb: 1737. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFEILD and MARTON.

A committee to treat for the purchase of Mr. Milward's house, to receive plans and proposals for the intended buildings in Holborn Court and to pay what is due for the posts, lamps and new paving in Coney Court. The chambers in Nos. 1 and 4 Holborn Court are not to be renewed, as the buildings are to be pulled down and rebuilt.

PENSION (adjourned) 22nd Feb: 1737. Present:—The above and ASPIN.

The late watchmaker's house in Feild Court to be pulled down.

"Whereas Toby Chauncey late of the Inner Temple London Esqre decd did some short time before his death by writing under his hand direct his exor William Chauncey Esqre to deliver up to William Gylby of Grays Inn in the county of Middx Esqre a declaration of trust that he the said William Gylby had given him of a ground chamber N° 2 in Coney Court Grays Inn aforesaid which the said William Gylby had purchased in his own name of Roger Coningsby Esqre but in trust for him the said Toby Chauncey and further desired his said exors to give the said William Gylby any release that he should desire making it his request to the said Wm. Gylby that he enjoying the said chamber during his life should settle ye same so as it might become after his the said Wm. Gylby's decease in nature of a Bench Chamber for some one of the Masters of the Bench of the Society of Grays Inn aforesaid who should be resident in the same three terms every year and upon failure of such residence to devolve to another of the Masters of the Bench so long as he continued resident three terms in every year each of their residence not to be less than fourteen days in each term And whereas after the decease of the said Toby Chauncey he the said Wm. Chauncey his brother and sole exor by his deed poll bearing date the 9th day of June 1733 reciting in part to the effect hereinbefore recited did in pursuance of his said brother's direccon release unto the said Wm. Gylby (then in possession thereof) his exors adms and ass the said chamber and all his right title term of years and interest therein And whereas the said Wm. Gylby is desirous

that the said chamber may be settled pursuant to the request and direccon of the said Toby Chauncey as aforesaid Now it is hereby ordered at the applicacon and with the consent of the said Wm. Gylby testifyed by his signing thereof that the said chamber with the cellar and appurts thereto belonging shall from and imediately after the decease of the said Wm. Gylby become for ever a Bench Chamber to be enjoyed by such Bencher or Benchers from time to time as shall be admitted thereto by order of Pension To be held and enjoyed upon the terms and under the restriccons before mentioned and no otherwise And in default of actual residence of such Bencher three terms in each year and fourteen days in each of the said terms the said chamber to go to and be enjoyed by another Bencher to be admitted thereto by order of Pension as aforesaid And so from Bencher to Bencher for ever in such manner upon such terms and subject to such restriccons as herein is aforesaid."

Pension 13th May, 1738. Present:—Gylby, Booth, Wither, Brougham, Owen, Bromfield and Marton.

Thomas King and Edward Bacon called to the Bar.

William Glanvile to be called to the Bar, though he neither has chambers, nor is paying £20 in lieu thereof, on his giving bond to go to the West Indies before Michaelmas next. In case he shall return to practise in England he is to pay the £20.

John Lyon called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Mr. Baron Carter.

Pension 13th June, 1738. Present:—Gylby, Wither, Aspin, Owen, Bromfield and Marton.

Mr. Gorham and his son appointed surveyors of the new buildings in Holborn Court till the same be perfected. Ten guineas to be paid them.

Pension 20th June, 1738. Present:—Gylby, Booth, Aspin, Amherst, Owen and Bromfield.

"Ordered that for the future four Benchers shall have power to adjourn the Pension from time to time."

"Two or more Benchers" are to view the chambers designed for Bench chambers and report their condition.

PENSION (adjourned) 24th June, 1738. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, ASPIN, AMHERST, OWEN and BROMFIELD.

Two or more Benchers to treat with Mr. Milward for the purchase of his old house behind the new buildings in Holborn Court and give orders for pulling it down. The like in the case of the owner of the shed behind No. 1, Holborn Court.

PENSION 25th Nov: 1738. Present:—BOOTH, ASPIN, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

£1,800 to be insured on "the two staircases No. 2 and No. 3 in Holborn Court lately rebuilt in ye Hand in Hand Fire Office on Snow Hill."

PENSION 8th Feb: 1738. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, ASPIN, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN and BROMFIELD.

The chambers in Nos. 2 and 3 Holborn Court to be disposed of on the following conditions:—The term to be 40 years; ground chambers and chambers two pair high to pay £6 fine and £8 yearly rent; chambers one pair high to pay £8 and £10 yearly rent; garrets £3 yearly rent; proprietors of chambers one pair high to spend at least £80 in wainscotting, painting, fitting locks, etc., and proprietors of ground and two pair chambers to spend £70 likewise.

The Treasurer, or any two Benchers, are impowered to let any of these chambers.

PENSION 22nd May, 1739. Present:—GYLBY, BOOTH, WITHER, ASPIN, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD, FELTHAM and MARTON.

Edward Church appointed Cook. He is to have "a sallary of twenty pounds a year for himself scullion and turnspitts at four equall termly payments," with £20 a year for firing and £16 for

"washing the Hall and Kitchen linnen and cleaning and scowering the brasses and sconces in ye Hall and pewter and other utensills used in the Hall and Kitchen"; he is to enjoy "the apartment in the Kitchen" and to have "all the rumps kidneys and suet of the loyns and necks of mutton used in the Hall without mangling the said joynts." The remains of the commons left in the Hall to be divided between him and the panyerman, each having them for a week at a time. The cook to have the usual shilling from every member when he first comes into commons and two shillings from every member called to the Bar. The cook shall "attend the dressing dinners during all the terms and at other times when required and provide exceedings[1] for the Bench table at the rate of three shillings a week of such things as they shall bespeak and in case what shall be ordered by them shall exceed that allowance such exceeding shall be charged as has been usuall. He is also to provide exceedings at the Barr mess and for ye Hall upon all Grand Days and shall not charge any more than the prime cost of all these exceedings and shall provide greens and roots for such gentlemen as desire the same at sixpence a week for each person And shall sign an inventory of the pewter and all utensills and furniture in the Kitchen which shall be under his care."

PENSION 5th July, 1739. Present:—BOOTH, WITHER, ASPIN, AMHERST, BROMFIELD and GRAY.

Paggen Hale called to the Bar.

In future 9 lamps only to be lighted, in the courts and passages, in the summer and 31 in winter.

Jeffrey Amherst elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Andrew Wither elected Dean of the Chapel for the ensuing year.

PENSION (adjourned) 12th Dec: 1739. Present:—BOOTH WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD, FELTHAM and MARTON.

The Steward to purchase with the money in hand 8 East India bonds of £100 each.

[1] *I.e.*, dishes in excess of the ordinary commons.

"Ordered that the eight following chambers viz: No. 3 two pair of stairs, No. 6 a ground chamber, No. 7 two pair of stairs, No. 9 two pair of stairs and No. 14 two pair of stairs all in Coney Court and a chamber one pair of stairs No. 2 and one chamber one pair of stairs No. 3 and a chamber No. 2 two pair of stairs all these last in Holborn Court be assigned for Bench chambers" and the eight Senior Benchers are to make choice of them and to have them in accordance with the order of 1st July, 1732.

PENSION 26th Jan: 1739. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered that a sum of £50 be given and distributed to such poor persons as shall be approved and directed by the Committee of Building on Wednesday next and that the Steward do in the meantime prepare a list of such persons as are objects of charity where they live and the number of their family."

The unlet chambers at Nos. 2 and 3 Holborn Court, if wainscotted and painted by the Society, are to be granted for 21 years, first floor at £170 fine and £2 yearly rent; ground, or second, floor at £160 fine and £1 10*s*. rent, in addition to duties, taxes, etc.: or for 7 years, first floor at £22 yearly rent; ground or second floor at £20 yearly rent "with payment of rolls."

The old house at the back of the above-named Buildings to be pulled down and a court to be paved and walled round to separate it from the George Yard.

PENSION 6th Feb: 1739. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered that Thomas Clark Esq[r] [1] a Barrister of this Society being made Kings Councell be called an Associate to the Bench."

[1] Thomas Clark had been a Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1735, at the age of thirty-two, he had published an edition of Fleta's "Commentary," and was by this time distinguished for his large practice at the Bar. Though he was among those called to the Bench in May, 1749, he does not appear to have accepted the call. In May, 1754, he was appointed Master of the Rolls and knighted.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1739. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFEILD and MARTON.

George Sturt called to the Bar.

William Watts called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Chief Justice Lee.

"Ordered that the severall places of under-porter scavenger and bell-ringer do continue to be united": William Sheffield is appointed to the office. "As he is under-porter he is to watch at one of ye lodges every other night in ye year and to give notice to ye Steward if any other of ye watchmen are negligent in their duty and leave their stands before five of ye clock in the morning and of what lamps go out before that time and he is together with the head porter at their joint charge to empty the bogghouse yearly and to wait in the Hall at meals.

"As scavenger he is to sweep and keep the courts clean and to forbid ye laundresses and others to throw any ashes or filth therein and to inform ye Steward of any such persons who shall be guilty thereof and to prevent any noise or disturbance in the Inne. He as well as the Head Porter is to drive all beggars out of ye Inne. He is to cause ye places for ashes to be emptied and cleared out yearly at his own expence and to sweep and keep ye bogghouse clean. He is to keep ye Hall ye Library and the Bench room clean and to light fires therein.

"As bell ringer he is to ring ye bell in the morning dureing the terms as usuall and at all other times to prayers and at 9 of ye clock at night and to sweep out ye Chappell and to be at ye charge of bell ropes and bromes for that use and to open the pews in ye outward Chappell."

His wages are "as under-porter £9 a year for watching and forty shillings a year at every Easter term, 10^s^ a year for looking after the Bench room, 20^s^ a year for looking after ye Library, £1 10 a year for ringing ye bell and sweeping ye Chappell," with 40 shillings formerly paid to the Chapel Clerk; also 2^s^ from every member at first coming into commons 4^s^ from every man called to the bar, a Christmas box from every gentleman and the commons of the under-porter.

PENSION (adjourned) 29th Feb: 1739. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered that the Steward do apply to Mrs. Aspin to deliver up ye key of the iron chest of this Society in the custody of Mr. Aspin our late Treasurer and likewise all books and papers in her custody relateing to this Society and his receipt shall be a full discharge for ye same."

PENSION 13th May, 1740. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

Thomas Warner called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Jacobs[1] *Law Dictionary* be bought for ye use of the Society."

PENSION 10th June, 1740. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Whereas before ye Society was impoverished by the late dreadfull fires[2] certain chambers were then appropriated for Readers of ye said Society as by many orders of Pencon doth appear And whereas Reading has for many years been discontinued being found not only very expensive but useless and not fit to be revived and for that reason money hath been accepted in liew of Reading And whereas the Society is of late years by good management become more wealthy and in good circumstances It is therefore now ordered that all Benchers who have already paid or hereafter shall pay ye usual sum of 100 marks shall be intituled to all ye benefitts of Readers And further that the order made ye first of July 1732 for Bench Chambers shall be expounded and enlarged and be in force and take place from Ladyday last as followeth That is to say that eight such

[1] Giles Jacob figures in the "Dunciad":

> "Jacob, the scourge of grammar, mark with awe,
> Nor less revere him, blunderbuss of law."

[2] *I.e.*, the fires of 1680, 1684, and 1687.

good chambers as are now in the hands of the Society and which according to an order dated ye 12 day of Decr 1739 are appropriated for Bench chambers and which ye eight senior Benchers shall according to their seniority respectively chuse shall be appropriated from Ladyday last to themselves and to ye next Senior Bencher in succession for ever for their lives respectively for Bench chambers subject to ye orders and duties of the said Society and to the qualificac̃ons and condic̃ons hereinafter menc̃oned That is to say,

"That no Bencher shall be admitted to such a Chamber untill he has discharged all arrears of dutyes to ye Society and has been at least one year at ye Bench and at one penc̃on in that year.

"That each Bencher after he shall be admitted to such a chamber shall attend two terms in a year and at two penc̃ons in each of ye said terms.

"That any Bencher may postpone his choice till any of ye said Chambers more to his liking may fall.

"That each Bencher after such choice shall be concluded thereby dureing his life.

"That such Bencher or Benchers as have already accepted or shall hereafter first accept of their call to the Bench shall have preferrence as to ye choice of such a chamber as may fall according to their priority of acceptance of their call before any other Bencher or Benchers who shall accept of his or their call after them notwithstanding such others seniority in ye Society.

"Provided that if any Bencher possessed of such a chamber shall omitt to attend as aforesaid and to observe the rules and condic̃ons abovemenc̃oned such his chamber shall be deemed actually void as if such Bencher was dead and shall vest in ye next Bencher in turn entitled to such a chamber unless such omission be excused upon proof to be made of sickness or otherwise as shall be allowed by order of Penc̃on.

"Provided that such of ye new-built chambers as are appropriated for Bench chambers shall not be liable to dutyes untill they are completely finished at ye expense of ye Society and are first inhabited. And if any Bencher shall pay dutyes for any other chambers he shall pay Students' dutyes only for his Bench chambers."

PENSION 11th June, 1740. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

William Swinburn admitted to vote in Pension.

"Ordered that it be reffered to the Dean of ye Chappell to give directions for whitewashing the Chappell and painting ye pews and to whitewash the passage between ye Hall and the Kitchen and the passage into the Kitchen."

Called to the Bar: John King, Thomas Norton and Gabriel Hall.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1740. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, SWINBURN, OWEN and MARTON.

Arthur O'Keefe called to the Bar of grace, on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Fortescue Aland.

Dr. Stebbing, the Preacher, is granted a chamber in Holborn Court "untill the house in Warwick Court designed for him falls into the hands of ye House."

PENSION 12th Feb: 1740. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, etc.

William Strahan called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Lord Chief Justice Lee.

PENSION 8th May, 1741. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, etc.

Danby Pickering called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Sir Thomas Abney.

PENSION 10th June, 1741. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, AMHERST, BROUGHAM, SWINBURN, OWEN, BROMFIELD, and MARTON.

John Clarkson admitted to vote in Pension.

Referred to the "Committee of Building to consider of and give orders for the repairing and beautifying the outside of the Chappell."

PENSION 16th June, 1741. Present:—GYLBY, WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURNE, OWEN and BROMFIELD.

Thomas Waite called to the Bar.

Edward Banyer "son of Doctor Banyer the Lecturer of this Society" to be admitted gratis.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1741. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURNE, OWEN, BROMFIELD and GRAY.

Called to the Bar: Thomas Allen and Stapleton Dunbar.

"Ordered that the iron chest be opened and the bonds taken out and the interest received that is due theron and that the Committee for Building shall be impowered to lay out ye money in the Steward's hands in the purchase of India bonds."

Thomas Adams appointed Second butler, panyerman, under-steward or steward's man and butler's man. His pay is to be:—from rolls fees etc. (computed) £32 16*s.*, as second butler, £10 6*s.* 8*d.*, as panyerman and as steward's man £16 18*s.* with commons. He is to attend at the Bench table at dinner, take care of the plate, deliver the wine drunk in the Hall, "provide apples straberies etc. at the price they cost," to find knives and trenchers for the whole hall and clean them, to collect the Doctor's roll and house roll and to assist the Steward in overlooking workmen and keeping inferior servants to their duties, in collecting the revenues and duties of the Society and "attending to all other affairs in ease of the Steward."

William Sheffield appointed Chapel Clerk. He has a roll computed at £20 with £2 6*s.* 8*d.* a year salary; also for cleaning the Communion plate 11*s.*, for attendance at each moot 17*s.* 6*d.* computed at £3 8*s.*, with fees computed at £6 10*s.* and commons. His duties are to provide bread and wine for Communion at cost price, to "set the psalms in ye Chappell," to call the Benchers in Holborn and Field Courts to dinner in the Hall and to Pensions, to attend in the Hall at dinner and at the Chapel Sundays and Holy days and at morning prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays and to open pews on the "north side of ye Communion Table" and "to do all other busyness belonging to his office."

PENSION 5th Feb: 1741. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, CLARKSON, AMHERST, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

John Winter appointed Head Porter with a salary of £18 a year, one shilling from every gentleman first coming into commons and two shillings on each gentleman's call to the Bar, one shilling or a basket of coals on each chaldron of coals brought into the premises, Christmas box money and the rent of three shops under Holborn Gate. His duties are to watch alternate nights at Holborn gate, "to deliver ye candles to ye watchmen and to set down in a book" the names of the watchmen on duty, "joyntly with the underporter to keep the boghouse empty and daily to walk round the courts to keep boys and other people from playing or making a noise there and to attend in ye screen at ye Hall in term time at dinner, on Sundays at ye Chappell and at ye Walks gate every other Sunday in ye afternoon and at Penc̃ons and to take care of the engines and pipes and do all other business belonging to the place of Head Porter."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1741. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, CLARKSON, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

Called to the Bar: George Spiltimber and Samuel Berkly.

"Ordered that no wine be allowed to the servants but on Grand days and then but two bottles only."

PENSION (adjourned) 24th Feb: 1741. Present:—OTWAY, WITHER, CLARKSON, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered for better regulating the watch that ye Head Porter shall attend at ye lodge in Holborn gate and the underporter at the lodge in Gray's Inn Lane gate from ye dusk in ye evening till the watch shall be sett and shall alternably watch at Holbourn gate every night in ye year and prevent as much as may be a thoroughfare between Holbourn and Gray's Inn Lane after ye gates are shutt."

"That ye respective watchmen at ye stands in Holbourn Court and Field Court shall in their respective rounds enter into each

staircase every hour and there with a loud voice cry the hour of the night and the weather."

No watchman to leave his stand except those in Field Court and Holborn Court stations, who may do so to light gentlemen to their chambers.

No strange watchman is to watch without a special order.

PENSION 27th May, 1742. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

Griffeth Price called to the Bar.

"Ordered that it be referred to ye Committee of Building to consider of the representation of the Barristers and students and to order the workmen to bring in estimates of the work proposed as to the Hall etc."

The lease of Warwick Court to be inspected in view of its renewal.

The following gentlemen called to the Bench:—Charles Monson, William Ball, John Twisleton, Miles Branthwaite, Johnson Mainwaring, Thomas Peachell, Thomas Whitehead, Patrick Garden, John Howes, John Craster, John Fortescue, William Peer Williams, Robert Brage, Edmund Hoskins, John Stanhope, Edmund Barker, Robert Robinson.

PENSION 29th June, 1742. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, etc.

James Forster and Ewan Christian called to the Bar.

PENSION 6th July, 1742. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN, BROMFIELD and FELTHAM.

John Waple called to the Bar.

Hugh Barker (recommended by Lord Chief Justice Willes) called to the Bar of grace.

"Ordered that it be referred to ye comittee of Building to repair and amend the black walks and to set up iron rails before the Hall and to repair and amend the wooden rails behind the Chappell and to paint the iron rails round Coney Court."

PENSION 18th Nov: 1742. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, OWEN, BROMFIELD, BRANTHWAITE and MARTON.

Miles Branthwaite having accepted his call and paid his caution money is admitted to vote in Pension.

Mr. Luke Thompson and Mr. Gylby (holders of Bench Chambers) are excused for their non-attendance in certain terms on account of illness.

PENSION 25th Nov: 1742. Present: WITHER, CLARKSON, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Green and Henry Revely.

PENSION 26th Feb: 1742. Present: WITHER, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, BARKER, GRAY and MARTON.

Edmund Barker to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION (adjourned) 17th May, 1743. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN, FELTHAM and MARTON.

"Ordered that leases be prepared for Mr. Marton Mr. Morgan and Mr. Areskines houses in Warwick Court according to their severall proposalls doubling the present rent now paid by them to Mrs. Fenwick."

PENSION 9th June, 1743. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered that Lord Raymond's Reports be bought of Mr. Osbourn for three pounds."

PENSION 16th June, 1743. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, OWEN, BROMFIELD and MARTON.

"Ordered that any two or more of the Bench look into the condiĉon of the linnen and order such linnen as they shall find wanting."

"Ordered that Mr. Marton having agreed to pay ten guineas for the old tables, forms and the old borded floor in the Hall that he shall have the same for ye said sum of ten guineas."

PENSION 10th Nov: 1743. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN, GARDEN and MARTON.

Patrick Garden admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 31st Jan: 1743. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN and GARDEN.

"Ordered that the several gentlemen whose names are under written which were entered of this Society beginning the 6th day of June 1719 and ending the 10th of February 1720 inclusive be called to the Bench they paying each of them one hundred marks as a fine and all other dutys in arrear to the House and to take their places according to their seniority And that they do attend at the next pention in order to accept their said call vizt:—

Monoux Hum:	6th June, 1719.	Hinton Wm.	16th May, 1720.
Cay John	3rd Sept: ,,	Ball, Jos:	24 Oct: ,,
Collingwood Ed.	11th Nov: ,,	Clowes, Jos:	11 Nov: ,,
Locker Jno.	28 Mar. ,,	Dodsworth Hen:	10 Feb: ,,
Robinson Luke	4th May, 1720.	Frederick Jno.	14 Mar. ,, "

PENSION 4th Feb: 1743. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN, GARDEN, HINTON and GRAY.

William Hinton admitted to vote in Pension.

"Ordered that Dr. Stebbing the present Preacher of this Society have in liew of his now Chambers N° 3 in Holborn Court a house in Warwick Court late in ye occupation of Mrs. Allen for the habitation of him and his family so long as he shall continue Preacher to the said Society and that the said house be forthwith put in good repair and ye carpenter's work be done by the person who gave in the estimate markt A according to the rates in the said

estimate and that what is done relating to the repairs of the said House be refferred to the Committee of Building."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1743. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, OWEN, GARDEN, HINTON and GRAY.

A new fire engine ordered.

"Ordered that the wainscot in the Hall be varnished and painted in such manner as the Committee of Building shall direct."

PENSION 25th April, 1744. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, OWEN, HENLEY, BARKER, GARDEN and HINTON.

Richard Morley admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 1st May, 1744. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, etc.

Henry Andrewes called to the Bar.

PENSION 31st May, 1744. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, OWEN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the chambers appropriated by Mr. Gylby N° 2 in Coney Court for Bench Chambers pursuant to the request of Toby Chauncey Esq. decd be appointed to the next senior Bencher by acceptance of his call to the Bench not having a Bench Chamber nor having forfeited a Bench Chamber the said chamber N° 2 in Coney Court being to be enjoyed by such Bencher accepting the same subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in the order of the 22nd of Feb: 1737 relating to the said chamber late Mr. Gylbys And it is ordered that the Bencher accepting the said chamber shall not be intitled to any other Bench Chambers at one and the same time."

It is resolved that, since Brathwaite Otway and Nathaniel Booth, who had accepted Bench chambers, have not observed the conditions of tenure, the said chambers are to go to the next Benchers.

"Ordered that the Grand Day be held on Wednesday the 6th of June next."[1]

"Ordered that Mr. Ellis do clean the pictures and coats of arms according to his proposall for thirteen guineas."

PENSION (adjourned) 19th June, 1744. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, OWEN, FELTHAM, BARKER, GARDEN, HINTON and MORLEY.

"Report of the Committee for auditing the Treasurers accounts for nine years beginning with the accounts for Trinity term 1735 and ending with the accounts for Easter term 1744."

Imprimis it appears by the first six years of the said accounts that the Steward has charged for the things under the heads hereinafter mentioned prices (as we conceive) extravagant, some of which heads are intirely new and others altho' not new have for some years past been daily increasing in the charge and altogether arbitrary without either vouchers or Pention orders: That is to say,

	£	s.	d.
Under the head of oranges lemons oyle sugar and nutmegs he has during the said six years charged to the amount of	42	5	2
Under the head of fireing extraordinary (altho' the stated allowance is as we conceive more than sufficient for that purpose)	41	1	9
Under the head of commons extraordinary which consist chiefly of sallad herbs butter etc. during the said time	63	18	10
Under the head of post letters the same time	7	5	8
Under the head of bread and beer for the Library and for the cook's use in the kitchen	9	6	8

[1] The fixing of a Grand Day by order of Pension marks a departure from the original connection of these festivals with those of the Church. For the Grand Weeks of earlier times see former volume, p. 245. The present observance of four Grand Days per annum is traceable to a retention of such Grand Days as fell in term. These days were originally Allhallows Day, Candlemas Day, Ascension Day, and St. John Baptist's Day. The following extract from a "treacle" Bible (1575) for which I am indebted to Mr. W. J. R. Pochin, shows that formerly the terms included the above days, and that on them, nevertheless, the Courts did not sit: "Easter Tearme beginneth always the xviiith daye after Easter reckoning Easter Day for one and endeth the Munday next after the Ascention Day. Trinitie tearme beginneth xii dayes after Whitsunday and continueth xix dayes. Michaelmas terme beginneth the ixth or xth day of October and endeth the xxviiith or xxixth day of November. Hyllary Terme beginneth the xxiiird or xxiiiith day of Januarie and endeth the xiith or xiiith day of Februarie. In Easter terme on the Ascention Day, in Trinitie terme on the Nativitie of St. John Baptist, in Michaelmas terme on the feast of All Saints and in Hillary terme on the Feast of the Purification of our Lady the Queen's Judges of Westminster do not use to sit in judgement." By 16 Charles I, c. 6, Michaelmas Term was appointed to begin three weeks from Michaelmas Day, but this act did not affect the other terms.

	£	s.	d.
Under the head of pen ink paper and parchment	17	3	6
Under the head for fireing in the outer room in the Library at Pentions	5	17	0
Under the head for necessarys in the kitchen which is (as we conceive) a wrong charge the cook charging in his bill for these necessarys	8	16	8
Under the head for candles for the Watch and Chappell for the year 1742 (whereas for the year 1743 no more than £13 10*s.* was paid)	24	7	6

Note also that there are new charges for good vinegar salt pepper and cream cheese.

Note also that notwithstanding the charges under the aforesaid heads there are dispersed thro' differrent parts of the accounts particular charges for Strangers and Preachers commons for oyle for fireing for candles parchment and cucumbers which ought to have been incerted under their proper heads.

Note also there is charged in the said accounts 1736 as paid by the Steward for arrears of commons due from Mr. Butler whereas the Steward ought to stand to that loss by reason of his neglect in not timely collecting the same or not complaining to Pention £4 4*s.* 9*d.* As also his paying the servants rolls £1 9*s.*

Note also Mich: 1736 a charge for new linnen in the Hall without an order of Pention or any account given of the old fine linnen altho' by an antient as well as by a late order no sum exceeding £5 is to be expended without an order of Pention.

Note also that nothing is charged as rec̃d for Mr. Underwoods iron pallisadoes standing upon Grays Inn ground altho' one shilling per ann. was agreed to be paid.

Note also the termly accounts as also the Pention orders ought yearly to be transcribed into the great book of Accounts and the great book of orders which has not been done for several years past altho' forty shillings a year has been allowed for the same to the Steward.

Note that no particular account having been taken of the charges under the said heads for the three years last past ending Easter 1744 the Steward upon the objections formerly made has thought fit to make considerable abatements in his charges under those heads and in his last account to leave out some of them.

Lastly it is submitted to the Pention what further is to be done in this affair and it is the opinion of this Committee that the prosperity of this Society principally depends upon the care and inspection of their accounts and revenues.

Declared that the Steward ought not to have charged more than the prime cost of the things specified, or charged at all for new or unusual things without an order in Pension; that he ought to examine workmen's and tradesmen's bills before offering them to the Treasurer; that the £4 4*s.* 9*d.* charged for Mr. Butler's commons is disallowed and the Steward fined forty shillings; and that if he offend again he shall be more severely punished.

"Resolved the office of Treasurer to go by rotation according to seniority and no Treasurer to continue longer than one year and his

accounts to be regularly passed the second Pention in the next term after the expiration of his office."

An inventory of plate linen and other necessaries to be handed to each Treasurer coming into office.

The Steward and understeward to keep an exact account of all money they expend for the Society and to make no overcharge, on pain of dismissal.

Nothing bought for the service of the Society to be deemed perquisites to any of the servants.

Proper vouchers to be produced, by all who expend money on behalf of the Society, for all sums over 40 shillings, and for lesser sums they shall be liable to be examined on oath if Pension so order.

PENSION 28th June, 1744. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, OWEN, GARDEN, HINTON and MORLEY.

Morgan Owen elected Treasurer.

"Ordered that the two and forty East India bonds now in the iron chest belonging to this Society be forthwith delivered to Mr. Child and C° for safe custody by Mr. Owen the present Treasurer and that he take a receipt for the said bonds and that the said receipt be locked up in the iron chest with three keys of which the Treasurer to have one Mr. Withers another and the Steward a third."[1]

PENSION 26 Nov: 1744. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, etc.

William Willson called to the Bar.

[1] Thus began a connection which has lasted down to the present day. The firm of Child had, of course, been established at the sign of the Marygold at Temple Bar for many years before this. An order made a year later shows that the above-mentioned receipt was signed by Barnaby Backwell, a great-grandson of Alderman Edward Backwell, the pioneer of English banking. Two members of the Backwell family had been members of Gray's Inn. Barnaby's mother was a Child, and he was at this time a partner in the firm. In 1750 a regular account with the bank was opened (see order of 29th May, 1750) by Thomas Adams, the under-steward, on behalf of the Society, and it stood in the name of the successive stewards till 1801, when it first appears in Messrs. Child's books as the account of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

PENSION (adjourned) 5th Dec: 1744. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, OWEN, GARDEN and GRAY.

Charles Gray is granted the Resident Bencher's chamber.

PENSION 16th May, 1745. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, OWEN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, BARKER and MORLEY.

"Ordered that Adams Mr. Philmore and Mr. Gorham do take a view of the wall between Warwick Court and Warwick Stables mentioned in Mr. Doughty's petition and to make enquiry as far as they can whether the said wall belongs to the Society or the said Mr. Doughty."

PENSION 21st May, 1745. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON and MORLEY.

"Resolved that the wall mentioned in Mr. Doughtys petition scituate behind Mr. Marton, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Areskine's houses in Warwick Court belongs to this Society and that the Bench are willing to treat with him about the same."

"Ordered that prayers begin at 11 o'clock on Sundays in the morning and at half an hour after three on Sundays in the afternoon and that notice be given thereof in the Chappell on Whitsunday next to begin on Trinity Sunday following."

"Ordered that dinner shall be served up at half an hour after one o'clock on Sundays and to begin the next term.

PENSION 20th June, 1745. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, OWEN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON and MORLEY.

William Swinburn elected Treasurer.

"Ordered that the receipt given by Mr. Barn. Backwell at the shop of Samuel Child Esqre and Co. to Morgan Owen Esqre the late Treasurer of this Society for the forty-two East India bonds belonging to ye Society be taken out of the iron chest and delivered up to Mr. Child and a new receipt given for them to Mr. Swinburn the present Treasurer with what interest has been received thereon."

PENSION 2nd July, 1745. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, etc.

William Rookes called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 11th July, 1745. Present:—WITHER, CLARKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN, HINTON and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the old building adjoyning to the Hall porch and also part of the porch be forthwith pulled down and rebuilt according to a design or plann brought in by Mr. Gorham and markt with the letter A and the said works be performed and executed by Mr. Philmore Mr. Gorham the bricklayer and Mr. Hedges the mason and that proper articles be settled for performing ye same by any two or more of the Benchers agreeable to estimates delivered in for the said purpose by the said workmen.

"I protest against this order—Andr: Wither."[1]

PENSION (adjourned) 18th July, 1745. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN and HINTON.

"Ordered that copys of the orders relating to the Walks be hung up as usual and that the Chief Porter with his gown and staff

[1] Mr. Wither's reasons, given elsewhere in the MS., were: (1) That several Surveyors had reported that nothing corresponding to the expense involved could be done to make the south row more uniform. (2) That the expense would be £305, "and also the well designed porch and three very convenient and usefull rooms originally built with and making part of the Hall together with a chamber two pair of stairs adjoyning thereto will be all pulled down and utterly destroyed, which rooms must be some otherways supplyed at the expense of the Society. (3) That the only advantage asserted for the alteration was that the south row would be more regular by lessening the break occasioned by the porch and the outside of the row could be made, by stucco, "more gay and gaudy" without regard to the damage done to the inside. The row would still be irregular, and "a patched and party-coloured building." (4) That the alteration would render the Society liable to penalty under the Act of 6 Anne, (5) That the better plan of "pulling down only the front of the timber built staircase, and erecting a handsome brick front with suitable sash windows instead," would only have cost £50 or £60. (6) Because the articles drawn for the work give the workmen scope for imposing on the Society. The "south row" is the south row of Coney Court, and the porch is that which gave entrance to the Hall from the north. For the reply of a Philistine surveyor to Mr. Wither, see p. 251. It is perhaps rash to express an opinion to-day upon the changes against which the protest was made, but clause ii in the second of the above reasons secures one's sympathies.

and another porter do attend at the great gates in the garden on Sundays as usual and that the back gate in Grays Inn Lane be always kept lockt on Sundays."

PENSION 28th Oct: 1745. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN, HINTON and MORLEY.

Called to the Bench:—Geo. Middleton, Richard Lepton, Henry Bendyshe, John Tempest Borrow, Andrew Huddlestone and Ayscough Fawkes.

PENSION 1st Nov: 1745. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, GARDEN, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

"Ordered that Mr. Treasurer be desired to wait upon the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench to acquaint his Lordship that the Benchers in Pention assembled upon having received and perused the draft of an address and association intended to be presented to his Majesty, sent to them by his Lordship, do approve thereof and readily agree to enter into the same and that the same having been communicated to the Barristers of the said Society assembled this day in the Hall they did also unanimously agree thereto.[1]

"TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

"The Humble Address and Association of the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Master of the Rolls, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, Lord Chief Baron of the Exchequer, the rest of the Judges Kings Serjeant, Attorney and Sollicitor General, Kings Serjeants and Council, Serjeants at law, Masters of the Bench and Barristers of the several Inns of Court.

"May it please your Majesty,

"Upon our first occasion of assembling we beg leave to approach your sacred person with the same warm sentiments of duty

[1] The battle of Preston Pans had been fought on 21st September. Charles Edward was at this date on the march towards Derby, which he reached on 4th December.

loyalty gratitude and affection to your Majesty which have been already expressed with so just and universal zeal by all other orders and degrees who have any regard for the Religion Laws Liberty Trade and Prosperity of this Kingdom and who are sensible that those invaluable blessings which we have hitherto injoyed under your Majestys auspicious government can only be secured to us by the stability of your throne and of the Protestant succession in your Royal House.

"We concurr with the voice of our country declaring an utter detestation of the present wicked and most ungratefull rebellion, convinced that it is calculated to subvert our Religion and Libertys to destroy our commerce and to render us a despicable dependent people; to this we in particular may add, that should this insolent attempt prevail, it must at once extinguish those laws and that constitution which are the glory of our own country and the envy of the nations round us.

"As Protestants therefore who have at heart the preservation of our pure Religion, as Britons truly in love with Liberty, and as Professors of that Law which You, Sir, have ever made the rule of your government, we humbly beg leave to assure your Majesty that we will and we do hereby associate and unite ourselves firmly in the defence of your sacred Person and Government and of the Protestant succession in your Royal Family. From this union we will never depart but will concurr in every measure conducive to the great end of it at the hazard of our lives and fortunes. For what is life or fortune without the enjoyment of our Religion and Laws?

"That the Almighty may bless and prosper your councils, give you victory over your enemys, restore tranquility to your realms, establish your Throne on the firmest foundations, and perpetuate to latest posterity our present blessings by a never failing succession in your Royal Line is and ever must be the ardent prayer of

"May it please your Majesty, Your Majestys
Most Dutyfull and Loyal Subjects."

Pension 6th Feb: 1745. Present:—Wither, Amherst, etc.

Nathaniel Gilbert called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 20th Feb: 1745. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, HINTON and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the Steward do write to Mr. Gray and that he send him a copy of the order for appointing Mr. Gylby's chamber for a Bench chamber and acquaint him that the Bench apprehend they cannot dispense with the terms in the said order as they are merely trustees by the will of the testator and that they shall be glad to see him at Grays Inn at a pention which will be held there the first day of next term for that purpose."

[Letter received.]

"To the Treasurer and Benchers of the Honble Society of Grays Inn.

"GENTLEMEN,

"Pursuant to your desire signifyed to me by Mr. Adams the 31st of January 1745 together with the reasons for Mr. Withers's protest, I have viewed the buildings and alterations in Coney Court and find the same performed agreeable to the plann and estimates delivered in, except a flash of lead wanting to secure the flat over the porch and the plaistering of the chambers not yet stopt and whitewashed which works the artificers say are to be compleated by them when the weather suits; also the stucco to be made good where damaged by the wet from the spouts at the Bow Window of the Hall; and in order to secure the same for the future it may be necessary to put a slip of lead under ye old copeing upon the said window and a trunk in the east and west angles of the window to bring the water down from the spouts there.

"Mr. Withers's protest I humbly conceive to be answered by the taking down of a ruinous irregular building and constituting a sound uniform and regular structure in liew thereof without any apparent detriment to the buildings adjoyning, and this alteration of an old building noways liable to the penalty of the Act relating to wood cornices.

"As to the proposals and articles for executing the said plann I take them to be drawn wholly in favour of the Society.

"I am, Sirs, your most obedient and humble servant,

"ANDREWS JELFE."

"Ordered that the two black walks be gravelled . . . in the manner the great front walk was done."

PENSION 24th April, 1746. Present:—AMHERST, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, FAWKES and GRAY.

"Ordered that the outside work of the Dutchy Office Mr. Hardcastles chambers and ye chambers inhabited by Mr. Smart and the front of those late in the possession of Sir John Gonson be painted and that flat barrs be put at the kitchen windows of Mr. Smarts chambers."

"Ordered that the water to Dr. Stebbing's house be paid for by the House."

PENSION 29th April, 1746. Present:—AMHERST, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

The pillars and seats in the walks to be painted, and the "slope at Bacon's Mount" to be gravelled.

Samuel Wegg called to the Bar.

Mr. Gray, who was granted the Resident Bencher's Chamber, not having fulfilled the conditions of tenure forfeits the chamber, but, since his reason is that he has been sick, he is to have the choice of Mr. Owen's Bench chamber, or the next Bench chamber which falls vacant.

PENSION 29th May, 1746. Present:—SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the room adjoyning to the Library, in which the fire place is, be appointed the Steward's room[1] and that a new grate

[1] The Steward's Room seems to have been in the buildings recently demolished at the west end of the Hall. By this order it was appointed to be a room in the chambers first floor north at what is now known as No. 1 Gray's Inn Square.

be bought for the Library and the old one put in the Steward's room."

PENSION (adjourned) 21st June, 1746. Present:—SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON and FAWKES.

Mr. Patrick Garden is granted the Resident Bencher's chamber.

"Ordered that the cupola of the Hall be repaired and painted and that the Hall tiling be new ripped and lathed with double laths and that Mr. Philmore the carpenter do take up and relay the Hall floor and finish the Hall tables this vacation according to his agreement."

"Ordered that the stone door cases in Coney Court be painted four times in oyle with a stone colour in manner as the pillars at the Walks gates are done.

William Henley elected Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 27th June, 1746. Present:—CLERKSON, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, HINTON and FAWKES.

"Ordered that Thomas Adams be paid ten guineas for extracting the books of Orders from 11th of Queen Eliz: to 1730."

"Ordered that any three or more of the Bench be a Committee to inspect the House accounts and workmen's bills and order the payment thereof and that the said Committee meet from Thursday to Thursday."

The Feoffees of the House to grant a lease to Henry Doughty, Esq., of a piece of ground 69 feet 4 inches from north to south and 7 feet from east to west, abutting to the south on part of Warwick Stable Yard, on the east on part of a house belonging to this Society in the possession of Jane Marton widow and on the yards of this and other houses and on the west on the ground of Henry Doughty, part of Warwick Stable Yard. Term 61 years; yearly rent 2*s*. No house to be erected thereon of more than 30 feet 7 inches from the surface upwards exclusive of rafters which are not to be more than an additional 7 feet.

PENSION 18th Nov: 1746. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON, FAWKES, MORLEY and GRAY.

"Ordered that the two old tankards now used in cõmons be sold for as much as can be got for the same and that two new tankards, holding at least three Winchester pints each, be bought for the use of the Society, that the arms be placed on the said tankards and that the names of the donors of the old tankards be put round the arms of one or both of the said new tankards and that Mr. Swinburn and Mr. Garden be appointed to give directions concerning the same, and that such old plate as appears to Mr. Swinburn and Mr. Garden to be useless be likewise sold and two new sauce cups bought for the use of the Society."

PENSION 27th Jan: 1746. Present:—WITHER, HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

"Ordered that one of the new tankards be engraved with the arms and words on the old tankards and the other with the arms of the Society and that the old spoons be changed and eighteen new ones bought and that there be two more new sauce boats bought."[1]

"Ordered that unless the rent in arrear for the Chamber called the Dutchy Office be paid on or before the last day of this term that the Chambers be seized peremptorily and the goods therein."

PENSION (adjourned) 9th March, 1746. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER, HINTON, FAWKES and GRAY.

Henry Doughty to have a piece of ground 7 feet 3 inches by 7 feet abutting towards the north on the passage going from Gray's Inn to Bedford Row, for 61 years at the yearly rent of one shilling.

PENSION 29th May, 1747. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, FELTHAM, GARDEN, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

Charles Monson to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that no Bench Chambers be repaired without a

[1] *Cf.* an order as to plate on 2nd July, 1759.

referrence thereof to two or more of the Benchers to be appointed in Pention to inspect and view what repairs in their judgments are necessary and that an estimate be taken and a report made thereof in full Pention and ye same allowed before the repairs be done."

Five more East India bonds to be purchased and deposited with Mr. Child and Co.

PENSION 1st July, 1747. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, etc.

Thomas Wilson and John Pennington called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1747. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, GARDEN, BARKER, FAWKES and MORLEY.

A new fire engine with one pipe of 40 feet and two pipes of 40 feet for the great engine to be bought.

The remaining volumes of Viner's *Abridgment* to be bought for the Library.

PENSION 1st Feb: 1747. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER and FAWKES.

"Ordered that Ralph Feltham Esqre one of the Benchers of this Society be appointed Treasurer thereof to commence from the first day of this term and in regard ye Treasurer's name hath been hitherto made use of in the accounts of the House notwithstanding for several years last past the rents, issues and profits of the Society have been received by the Steward and all payments and disbursements made by him It is ordered that from henceforth the Steward's name be made use of as debtor and creditor in the said accounts instead of the Treasurer's name till further order."

PENSION 10th Feb: 1747. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER, FAWKES and GRAY.

"Whereas the Barristers and Students of this Society did this term after dinner apply themselves in the usual manner to the Benchers then present and desire that ye boyled beef allowed every

Wednesday in the two winter terms for commons might for the future be altered and a baked plumb pudding allowed instead thereof It is ordered that the said commons be changed and altered accordingly and that for the future a baked plumb pudding be allowed to every mess in the Hall on Wednesdays in the said terms in liew of boyled beef as aforesaid."

PENSION 5th May, 1748. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN and FAWKES.

The outside repairs of Bench Chambers to be done at the expense of the House, but no inside repairs to be done without consent of Pension.

"Ordered that ye compliments of ye Bench be paid to Mr. Jelf for the trouble ye Society gave him about the repairs in Coney Court and desire him to accept a present of ten guineas as a gratuity for the same."

PENSION 11th May, 1748. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

Luke Robinson to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that the land tax and window tax be for the future charged upon ye several and respective owners of the chambers and that the same be collected in such a manner as the ground rents and other dutys issueing out of ye said chambers are usually paid and collected."

PENSION 21st June, 1748. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, ROBINSON, HINTON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the Steward state an account with John Caufield and upon his making a proper assignment of his equity of redemption to one of ye said Caufield's houses in George yard now in mortgage to the trustees of this Society being the house at the north end of George yard that ye Steward do give him a receipt for £100 out of ye money due from ye said Caufield to the Society in consideration for the said assignment and that it be referred to any three or more

of the Benchers to consider of a proper assignment and that the strong box be opened to take out the writings relating to ye said mortgage."

"Ordered that £500 be given for the seven houses in Bishop's Head Court and that Mr. Adams be empowered to treat with the mortgagor and mortgagee about purchasing ye same and enter into articles with them accordingly." Three or more Benchers to examine the title.

"Ordered that the head porter and under porter of this Society do from time to time return such Hackney coachmen to the office who refuse to drive their coaches from off ye crossing place against Holborn gate."

PENSION 29th June, 1748. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, ROBINSON, HINTON and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the Steward do forthwith pay into the hands of Samuel Child Esqre the Banker £600 on account of this Society and take his note for the same payable to Ralph Feltham Esq the present Treasurer of this Society."

Notice to be given to Mr. John Cay that he is called to the Bench.

PENSION 8th Nov: 1748. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN and FAWKES.

"Ordered that £500 part of the £600 in Mr. Child's hands (and for which he hath given a receipt to the Treasurer of this Society to be accountable on demand) be forthwith paid to Mr. Adams the under Steward of this Society or to his order and that Mr. Feltham the Treasurer draw upon Mr. Child for the said sum accordingly the same being to be paid for the purchase of houses in Bishop's Head Court bought by the Society."

PENSION 26th Nov: 1748. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, etc.

Timothy Blenman called to the Bar.

PENSION 31st Jan., 1748. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, etc.

John Cay allowed a vote in Pension.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1748. Present:—SWINBURN, BRANTHWAYT, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY and GRAY.

Thomas Baynham called to the Bar.

"Ordered that a Turky carpet be bought for the Altar in the Chappell and that Dr. Stebbing be desired to send in the same."

PENSION 18th Feb: 1748. Present:—WITHER, BRANTHWAYT, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, FAWKES, MORLEY and GRAY.

"Ordered that the Steward do forthwith pay into the hands of Samuel Child Esq the Banker and C° £300 on account of this Society and take their note for the same payable to Ralph Feltham Esq the present Treasurer of this Society."

A committee appointed to direct the erection of gates in Warwick Court and boundary stones; also repairs to the Hall.

PENSION 2nd May, 1749. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, FAWKES and MORLEY.

A committee appointed "to treat with the several proprietors of chambers in the staircase N° 4 in Holborn Court for purchasing their interest in their respective chambers," to treat also for the pulling down and rebuilding the staircase and the pulling down of the houses lately purchased in Bishop's Head Court.

The accounts to be kept by the under steward, Adams, who is to be paid £25 a year by the Steward for his pains.[1]

Called to the Bench:—Robinson Charles, Prime Phillip, Hammat John, Hibbins Henry Lucius, Lamplugh Richard, Borrow John,

[1] The Steward, John Beaver, had been in the employment of the society for sixty-five years (see order of 30th Oct., 1700). His age was evidently the ground on which the order above was made. In February, 1752, Adams succeeded him and retained the office till his death in 1781.

Borrow Thomas, Clark Thomas, Aynsley Gawen, Ridley Matthew, Marton Edward, Hatfield Aurungzebe, Faweet Christopher.

PENSION 6th May, 1749. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, GRAY and MORLEY.

Thomas Lowes called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Mr. Child's note for the India bonds be taken out of the iron chest for the interest received to be endorsed thereon and that Mr. Child's said note for the said bonds in the present Treasurer's name be delivered up and a new one given in the name of Patrick Garden Esq the succeeding Treasurer."

"Ordered that Patrick Garden Esqre one of the Benchers of this Society be Treasurer and Dean of the Chappell for the year ensuing."

PENSION (adjourned) 9th May, 1749. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURNE, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

Mr. Smart's tenant at No. 8 Holborn Court having a family in the chambers, which is contrary to orders, Mr. Smart is to procure that the said tenant quit the chambers, or the said chambers will be seized.

"Ordered that Mr. Adams acquaint Dr. Bannyer that the answer he has given to the Bench is not satisfactory and the Bench desire the Dr. to give a more explicit answer by the first day of next term as to his attendance for ye future."

PENSION 10th June, 1749. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

"The Revd Edward Bannyer D^r in Divinity having resigned the place of Afternoon Preacher of this Society It is ordered that the Rev^d Mr. William Noble the Chappell Reader of this Society be appointed and he is hereby appointed the Afternoon Preacher of this Society in the place of the said Dr. Bannyer during the pleasure of the Masters of the Bench and that he be paid the usual salary

accordingly. Dr. Bannyer to have the salary for this term and Mr. Noble to be paid from that time and to be continued Reader during the pleasure of the Masters of the Bench with his usual salary and emoluments as Reader."

John Dawson called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 15th June, 1749. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, ROBINSON, FAWKES and MORLEY.

"Ordered that the south side of the Hall and Steward's dining room be repaired and that the several workmen do forthwith begin the same according to the plan and estimates delivered in."

"Ordered that an estimate be brought in for new sashing white washing and varnishing the Library and that it be referred to any three of the Bench to approve and order ye same and also to examine and order the payment of the workmen's bills now due."

PENSION 25th Oct: 1749. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN, CAY and FAWKES.

"Ordered that John Waple Esq a Barrister of this Society and one of the Masters in Chancery be called to the Bench and do take his place according to his Seniority in the House, he first paying 100 marks as a fine and all dutys in arrear to the House."

Edward Marton and Richard Lamplugh to have their votes in Pension.

"Ordered that the India bonds belonging to this Society be markt off at 3 per cent. according to the Company's advertisement in the London Gazette."

PENSION 30th Oct: 1749. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, etc.

John Waple to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 21st Nov: 1749. Present:—OTWAY, WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON and WAPLE.

"Ordered that the Rev^d Mr. Henry Stebbing[1] is hereby elected Morning Preacher to this Society to succeed the Rev^d Dr. Stebbing and that he be allowed the yearly stipend of one hundred and ten pounds together with the house in Warwick Court in which the Doctor now lives or chambers at the option of the House and commons as usual and the said stipend to be paid him at £27 10 0 at the end of each term the first payment to be made at the end of the next term and that Mr. Treasurer do acquaint him therewith."

"Ordered unanimously that the thanks of the Bench in Pension assembled be given to the Rev^d Dr. Stebbing for the able discharge of his duty as Morning Preacher to this Society and that Mr. Treasurer do acquaint him herewith."

PENSION 25th Nov: 1749. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

"Ordered that Dr. Stebbing's two letters be entred in the book of Orders:

"To the Worshipfull the Treasurer and other Masters of the Bench of the Honble Society of Gray's Inn in Pention assembled.

"Gentlemen, The kindness with which you have treated me ever since I have been your Preacher and the honour of this my relation to your Society are circumstances which give so particular a value to this branch of my preferment that, in any common view, it will be the last thing I shall willingly part with. But I am so far advanced in years as to find the labour of the place growing too hard

[1] Henry Stebbing, junior, had been a Fellow of St. Catherine's Hall, Cambridge, and had, in 1748, been appointed to the college living of Gimmingham, Norfolk. He held the Preachership till his death in 1787, and was, in addition, Lecturer from 1753 to 1760 at St. Catherine Cree, and from 1760 to 1786 at St. Lawrence Jewry. Father and son between them were responsible for the morning sermons at Gray's Inn chapel for the period of fifty-six years.

for me, and as my years increase the burthen must increase with them. Foreseeing this, what I most wish is that you would be pleased to dismiss me by appointing my son your Preacher in my stead; in whom I may hope to enjoy what I shall have relinquished so long as I live, and by which you will bear me an honourable testimony that will follow me beyond the grave.

"I should not have presumed to have entertained such a thought as this if, by the experience you have had of my son during the time he has served me as my assistant, you were not perfectly well qualifyed to judge of his sufficiency to fill the post with reputation. But the kind manner in which many of you have spoken of him having induced me to believe that he had acquitted himself to your satisfaction, I take leave, in the most humble and dutyfull manner, to intimate to you this my desire, and if you shall think so favourably of my past services as to admit my pretensions to ask this great favour, it will be an addition greater than I can express to the many obligations you have already laid upon me. But if not, I beg pardon for the presumption, and desire that what I have sayd may pass for nothing. For in all things it is and will be my constant study to approve myself, Gentlemen

"Your most obedient, as I am your most obliged, humble servant

"H. Stebbing.

"Warwick Court, Nov: 21st, 1749."

The second letter, dated Nov: 25th, acknowledges the vote of thanks and the appointment of Mr. Henry Stebbing and declares that "no motive less than paternal love" would have induced the writer to sever his connection with the Society. As to his son, "God has given him understanding and a sober mind: you have given him honour." The writer will, if it be acceptable, be proud to appear sometimes in the pulpit, in aid of his son.

"Ordered that the place for fixing the pump for the New River Water be in the passage leading to the Dutchy Office."

Seven pecks and a half of charcoal per day to be allowed for the Hall fire during the two winter terms.

New steps to be made to the passage leading up to Jockey Fields.

PENSION 1st Feb: 1749. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, GARDEN, BARKER, FAWKES, GRAY and LAMPLUGH.

Twenty shillings allowed towards the burial of Guest, the porter. Henry Hart appointed porter in his place.

PENSION (adjourned) 24th Feb: 1749. Present:—WITHER, GARDEN, CAY, BARKER, MORLEY, GRAY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Notice to be given to the occupiers of houses in Gray's Inn Lane "where the pavement is bad" that they repair it, or this Society will prosecute them.

Mr. Henry Keene appointed surveyor of the intended building in Holborn Court at a fee of 5 per cent. on the expense of the building.

PENSION 15th May, 1750. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, FAWKES and LAMPLUGH.

"Ordered that two more East India Bonds be purchased and that the same together with the 58 bonds now in the custody of Child and Co. be forthwith subscribed or markt agreeable to the proposalls of the East India Company."

PENSION 22nd May, 1750. Present:—WITHER, AMHERST, SWINBURN, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, ROBINSON, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

"Ordered that the Sacrament be administred in the Chappell twice in the long vacation and once in the vacation between Hilary term and Easter Sunday on such Sundays as the Preacher shall think most proper and convenient."

"Ordered that Mr. Hedges be employed as mason upon the proposals as given in viz: new Portland stone copeing 13 inches wide, 4 inches in front and 2 inches in back edge at per foot running two shillings. Portland stone window cills 4^{ft} 1^{in} long nine inches wide

and six inches thick at 6s 3d each. Purbeck paving laid in mortar at per foot 7½d. Portland chimney pieces and slabs at per foot 1s 5d. Plain veined marble chimney pieces and slabs at per foot 4s 4d. A Portland architrave doorcase compleat as the others are in Holborn Court at £8 10s 0d. All the cills copeing etc. in fore front to be similar to the adjoyning staircases N° 2 and 3 in Holborn Court. The said Mr. Hedges undertaking to do the whole or any part of the said several works as the said Society shall from time to time think proper to order and direct."

PENSION 26th May, 1750. Present:—WITHER, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Thomas Bonner and Joseph Tullie called to the Bar.

George Port and Enoch Hall called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation respectively of Mr. Baron Legge and Mr. Justice Burnet.

Edmund Barker elected Treasurer for the year ensuing.

PENSION (adjourned) 29th May, 1750. Present:—WITHER, FELTHAM, GARDEN, ROBINSON, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Certain errors in the Steward's accounts to be rectified. Undercharged duties to be made good by the members in question; overcharges to be repaid. £5 11 9½ (unaccounted for by the Steward) to be charged to him, and £13 13 4 allowed to him as being "overcharged by him in his own wrong," and £7 8 2 more as being undercharged "in his own wrong."

"Ordered that Thomas Adams the under steward of this Society do from henceforth keep his account of the moneys of this Society now in his hands and hereafter to be received by him with Child and Co. bankers at Temple Barr in a book or books to be kept by him for that purpose which account is to be kept as under steward of this Society."

PENSION 20th June, 1750. Present:—WITHER, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

"Ordered that Samuel Child Esq. and Co. be desired to deliver the £6,000 East India bonds belonging to this Society up to the said Company and that £3,000 annuitys at 3½ per cent. and £1,500 at 3 per cent. be carryed by the said East India Company into the names of Andrew Wither William Swinburn Ralph Feltham Patrick Garden and John Cay Esq^rs Benchers of this Society in trust for this Society And the £1,500 new bonds (residue of the said £6,000) to be made out by the said East India Company be delivered to the said Mr. Child and Co. to be kept by them for the use of this Society And it is further ordered that upon the death or removal of any two of ye aforesaid Benchers the Steward do lay an account thereof before the next Pention in order for the appointing of other trustees in their stead."

PENSION 30th June, 1750. Present:—WITHER, CLERKSON, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

"Ordered that the salary of the Library Keeper of this Society be encreased to thirty pounds per annum."

PENSION 17th Nov: 1750. Present:—CLERKSON, SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON and WAPLE.

A committee to view the "Houses built on the ground of this Society adjoyning to N° 4 and 5 in Holborn Court."

The name of John Clerkson to be substituted for that of Andrew Wither (who has retired into the country) in the trust created on 20th June last.

Robert Shillitoe appointed Library Keeper in place of Fargus Clavering deceased.

PENSION 24th Nov: 1750. Present:—HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, FAWKES, MORLEY, MARTON and WAPLE.

"Ordered that a new catalogue of the books in the Library be made and kept in the iron chest and that any books which are now out on Benchers note be forthwith called in and that no book be sent out of the Library to any person but a Bencher and such Bencher to give his note to return the same in a fortnight."

"Ordered that the second volume of Bowers *History of the lives of the Popes* be bought for the Library."

"Ordered that the arms of the Society be engraved by Mr. Pyne and that the words GRAY'S INN LIBRARY be also engraved at the bottom of the arms and that 2,000 of them be printed off and fixed in the books in the Library."

PENSION (adjourned) 12th Dec: 1750. Present:—CLERKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER, FAWKES, MORLEY and WAPLE.

"Ordered that Carte's *History of England* be bought for the Library."

A new lock to be put on the door of the Walks at No. 5 Coney Court and this door to be kept locked in wet weather and always on Sunday afternoons, though it is to be open on Sunday mornings when the weather is suitable.

"Ordered that the person who opens the Ladys gallery[1] in the Chappell for the time being do admit one lady into the front row or seat of the gallery and two ladys into the back seats upon a written order to be signed by a Bencher of this Society and that she do admit two ladys in the back seats to be named by the Morning Preacher for the time being and that no other person be admitted into the said gallery but such as is so qualifyed and the ladies who are appointed to sit in the front row are to take their places according as they shall happen to come."

[1] This gallery was at the west end of the chapel. For some sixty years prior to the restoration of 1893 it was devoted to the organ.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1750. Present:—CLERKSON, HENLEY, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

A Committee to report what repairs are necessary in the Chapel and the Preacher's house.

The receipt given by Child and Co. for 60 East India £100 bonds to be returned them on their giving a new receipt for 15 bonds, "the remaining £4,500 being accepted in the East India Company's books."

"Ordered that the front row of ye gallery next ye Communion Table[1] be kept for Judges Serjeants and King's Council and the back seats for ye gentlemen of ye House as usual."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1750. Present:—CLERKSON, HENLEY, FELTHAM, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Ralph Hodgson and James Coldham called to the Bar.

£125 allowed for repairs to the Preacher's house.

"Ordered that double doors be made to the Steward's Room and in the passage in ye Library and that the wainscot be removed and a brick nogging erected between the two partitions to prevent any one from overhearing the debates in the Pention Chamber and that Mr. Keene ye Surveyor give orders about ye same."

PENSION (adjourned) 23rd Feb: 1750. Present:—HENLEY, MONSON, GARDEN, BARKER, FAWKES, MORLEY and WAPLE.

A committee to see what repairs are needed in the Reader's Chambers.

Twenty-five guineas voted to Adams, the under-steward, for services rendered in excess of his official duties.

The remaining volumes of Viner's *Abridgment* to be bought for the Library.

[1] *I.e.* where the organ is now, in the south-eastern corner of the building. See p. 278.

PENSION 2nd May, 1751. Present:—CLERKSON, SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, MORLEY, GRAY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Five guineas to be paid to Thomas Adams for making a new catalogue of the books in the Library.

Charles Monson elected Treasurer.

PENSION 15th May, 1751. Present:—SWINBURN, FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

John Frederick to have a vote in Pension.

The trustees for the East India annuity to sign an authority to Thomas Adams, the under-steward, to receive the interest.

The new edition of Ainsworth's Dictionary, also Littleton's Dictionary, to be bought for the Library.

PENSION (adjourned) 22nd May, 1751. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, FREDERICK, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

The chambers at No. 4 Holborn Court are to be granted to members for terms of 21 years, subject to duties, etc. The fines, if the Society fits up the rooms, to be:—for the ground chambers, right hand £240, left hand £250; the same for the second floor chambers; for the first floor chambers, right hand £250, left hand £270.

Purchasers may if they please fit up the rooms for themselves paying less fines, but spending stipulated sums.

The yearly ground rent to be:—for the ground chamber and second floor chamber, left hand, £2 5*s*. and for the first floor left £2 10*s*.; the right hand chambers to be, ground and second floor, £1 15*s*., first floor £2 5*s*. Garrets can be had, annexed.

The scheme of fittings if the Society does the work will be as follows:

The front room to be wainscotted with ovolo work, plain pannell, broad margins, whole deal dovetail dado, deal moulded surbase and plinth, architraves to the doors and windows; ovolo flat and square window shutters; the doors 2 in., 6 pannell ovolo

plain both sides, double margin in middle with ovolo flat door linings; a veined marble chimney piece and slab slips and nosings, Ryegate hearth and covings with plain deal moldings to do. Cieling floated lath and plaister with plaister Ionick block cornice, proper hinges and fastenings to the shutters.

The closet in the one and two pair of stairs to be wainscotted to the top with square work.

The back room to be wainscotted with ogee and flat pannell to the bottom, deal moulded surbase and plinth, ovolos to the doors and windows, 2 in. 6 pannell door, ogee flat. Shutters ogee flat pannell square back flaps. A veined marble (or dove) chimney piece with plain deal mouldings to do. Ryegate hearth and covings. Cieling floated lath and plaister, plain plaister cornice. Proper hinges and fastenings to ye shutters.

The office and bed chamber to be wainscotted with square work, proper linings etc., floated cielings, plain plaistered cornices. Portland chimney pieces. Slab in office lobby to be square work with surbase and plinth round do.

The extra room to the left-hand chambers to be wainscotted with square work. Veined marble chimney piece with plain wood mouldings. Floated cieling, plain plaistered cornice. Proper fastenings to shutters.

The garrets to be wainscotted with square work. Portland chimney pieces and slab.

"Whereas the Barristers and Students of this Society did this term after dinner apply themselves in the Hall in the usual manner to the Benchers then present and desire that the commons might for the future be altered and that there might be two dishes served every day in the Hall during the keeping of commons, if the Benchers should think the same fit and reasonable, the Benchers of this Society having taken the said application into consideration and apprehending that the making an alteration of the commons may greatly tend to the encouragement of gentlemen's keeping their commons, It is therefore ordered that the commons be for the future altered" and that they consist as near as may be of the dishes specified below. The Steward to be paid 6*s.* per mess per day (including the Preacher and Reader), and each gentleman keeping commons to pay 9*s.* per week instead of 8*s.* There are in future to be "no exceedings at the Bar mess and but two exceeding days at the Bench, to wit on Tuesdays and Thursdays." "Roast beef being the usual commons heretofore had on Grand days may be altered at the discretion of the Bench if they think fit." Every gentleman who does not keep commons is to be cast in commons a fortnight every term at 9*s.* a week and every repaster is to pay 1*s.* 6*d.* for each repast.

SCHEDULE

	Easter term.	*Trinity term.*
Sunday.	Roast beef, Plumb pudding.	Roast beef, Plumb pudding.
Monday.	Neck mutton boyled, Pigeons.	Neck mutton boyled, Roast rabbets.
Tuesday.	Neck veal, Plain pudding.	Roast veal, Pease.
Wednesday.	Loyn mutton, Asparagus.	Beans and bacon, Loyns mutton.
Thursday.	Roast beef, Goosberry pye or pudding.	Roast beef, Goosberry pye or currant or codling pye.
Friday.	Fish, neck of mutton.	Fish, shoulder mutton.
Saturday.	Boyled fowl and bacon and roast tongues or Asparagus.	Leg of grass lamb and Colly flower and pease.

	Michaelmas term.	*Hilary term.*
Sunday.	Roast beef, Pudding.	Roast beef, Pudding, plumb or plain.
Monday.	Boyled beef, Roast fowl.	Boyled beef, Roast fowl.
Tuesday.	Boyled tongue, Roast pork.	Boyled tongue, Roast pork.
Wednesday.	Loyn mutton, Baked pudding.	Loyn mutton, Plumb puddings or apple pye.
Thursday.	Roast beef, Apple pye.	Roast beef, apple pye.
Friday.	Fish, necks of mutton.	Fish, necks mutton.
Saturday.	Boyled tongues, Roast veal.	Boyled tongues, Roast veal.

PENSION 15th June, 1751. Present:—FELTHAM, GARDEN, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Half week's commons to be 4*s.*, when beginning on Sunday, and 5*s.* when beginning on Wednesday.

The two odd volumes of Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum* to be bought at four guineas "with the cutts" for the Library.

PENSION 22nd June, 1751. Present:—FELTHAM, GARDEN, CAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Samuel Wegg, Esq., one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Common Pleas, to be called to the Bench.

Humphrey Monoux admitted to vote in Pension.

The gardener is permitted to erect a greenhouse "at ye bottom of ye little garden next the summerhouse in Grays Inn Lane at his own expence."

PENSION (adjourned) 10th July, 1751. Present:—FELTHAM, MONSON, GARDEN, CAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

Mr. Samuel Wegg admitted to vote in Pension.

"On the motion of Mr. Treasurer it is ordered that the Steward wait on John Thornhill Esq. a Barrister of this Society who was heretofore called to ye Bench and deliver him a copy of the order of his call and acquaint him that he be desired to accept his said call."

PENSION 6th Nov: 1751. Present:—CLERKSON, SWINBURN, GARDEN, CAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

John Fortescue admitted to vote in Pension.

"Ordered that new wooden pallisadoes be put up behind the Chapell and at ye steps going up to the Dutchy Office and that the steps there be new laid and repaired."

PENSION 19th Nov: 1751. Present:—SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER, ROBINSON, FAWKES, GRAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that from the end of this present term the fees[1] of the necks and loyns of mutton claimed by ye cook be taken off as also his share of the revertions of ye comons in the Hall and that in liew thereof the cook be allowed an additional salary of ten pounds a year to his present salary of twenty pounds making in the whole £30 a year, but he is to pay thereout £6 a year now paid by him to the turnspit, dishwasher, and for scowering the pewter and brasses the four terms And it is further ordered that the panyerman shall for the future have the whole revertions of the commons in ye Hall."

PENSION 26th Nov: 1751. Present:—SWINBURN, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, GRAY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that the time for keeping of comons in ye Hall shall for ye future begin on the Sunday or Wednesday which shall first

[1] See pp. 282 and 341 of former volume.

happen after the first day of every term except the term shall begin on a Sunday or Wednesday and shall end on the Tuesday or Saturday which shall be next before the last day of every term except the term shall end on a Tuesday or Saturday so that no commons shall be kept but only for the whole weeks and half weeks which shall be in every term."

PENSION 4th Feb: 1752.[1] Present:—SWINBURN, HENLEY, MONSON, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, GRAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

Thomas Adams appointed Steward and Chief Butler, in succession to John Beaver. He is to have 2*s.* in the pound for collecting the Preacher's Roll and a salary of £62 yearly; also 2*s.* in the pound for collecting castings into commons, the chamber which the late Steward had, 3*s.* 4*d.* for every admittance into the House; also as fees, for every gentleman admitted to the Society 4*s.* 6*d.*, for every admission into commons 2*s.* 6*d.*, every call to the Bar 13*s.* 4*d.*, and for a petition preferred to the Bench in Pension, 2*s.* 6*d.*

PENSION 8th Feb: 1752. Present:—HENLEY, MONSON, GARDEN, BARKER, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

John Thornhill admitted to vote in Pension.

William Sheffield appointed "second butler, steward and chief butler's man and panyerman in the room of Thomas Adams made steward and chief butler."

"Ordered that the 16th and 17th volumes of Viners *Abridgment*, *Cases in King William's time*, *Cases in Lord Macclesfield's time*, *Cases in Queen Ann's time* and *Cases in the King's Bench* be bought for the use of the Library."

[1] The first Hilary-term Pension dated according to the present reckoning of the years.

Pension (adjourned) 22nd Feb: 1752. Present:—Garden, Barker, Fawkes, Gray, Morley, Lamplugh, Waple and Wegg.

"Ordered that iron rails be put up on the south side of the Hall from the porch to ye barbers shop of the same sort as the railing on the north side."

"Ordered that the ovolo round the chimney pieces in each of the best rooms in each of ye sets of chambers in the new buildings N° 4 in Holborn Court be carved with roses and escallop shells at 14^d per foot and a frize of 25^s each with bedmould and ogee at 5^s each and two trusses at 7^s each."

Pension 2nd May, 1752. Present:—Swinburn, Thornhill, Henley, Garden, Cay and Waple.

"On the petition of Patience Beaver daughter of John Beaver lately deceased who was upwards of fifty years Steward of this Society setting forth that her father dyed in very low circumstances It is ordered that the said Patience Beaver be allowed 20^s termly as the bounty of ye House during ye pleasure of ye Bench."

Pension 8th May, 1752. Present:—Swinburn, Thornhill, Henley, Monson, Garden, Robinson, Morley and Lamplugh.

"Ordered that Ainsworth's *Dictionary* 2 vols fo: and Wright's and Gilbert's *Tenures* be bought for the use of the Library."

"John Thornhill Esq. a Bencher of this Society desiring to be excused serving the office of Treasurer of this Society, John Cay Esq. another of the Benchers of ye Society is appointed Treasurer for the year ensuing."

Pension 3rd June, 1752. Present:—Thornhill, Garden, Fawkes, Morley, Lamplugh and Waple.

"Ordered that the Grand Day be kept on ye 11th instant."

Pension 27th November, 1752. Present:—Swinburn, Garden, Barker, Cay, Robinson, Lamplugh, Waple and Wegg.

Mr. Backwell [of Child's] to purchase for the Society £1,500 East India Annuities at 3 per cent. with the fifteen bonds of £100 each now in his custody.

Thomas Adams, the steward, is granted a lease of the house, late Mrs. Marton's, in Warwick Court.

Pension 31st Jan: 1753. Present:—Swinburn, Henley, Garden, Barker, Cay, Robinson, Gray, Lamplugh, Waple and Wegg.

"Ordered that Fitzgibbons and Freeman's *Reports* be bought for ye use of ye Library."

"The Benchers of this Society taking into consideration the many difficultys that young gentlemen who are unassisted meet with in the course of their study of the Law, and being desirous as far as in them lyes to provide a remedy for this inconvenience and to promote a regular method of study for the students of this Society,[1] do order that Danby Pickering Esq a Barrister of this Society do read in the Hall 40 lectures at such times as the Benchers from time to time shall appoint and that the sum of sixty pounds be paid to him for the same after compleating the said lectures he subscribing this order as an evidence of his consent thereto."

"I do consent to the above written order Feb. 21st, 1753,
"Danby Pickering."

Pension (adjourned) 21st Feb: 1753. Present:—Swinburne, Garden, Barker, Gray, Morley, Waple and Wegg.

£600 East India Annuities to be bought.

"The Parliamentary History" to be bought for the Library.

"The Benchers of this Society having ordered lectures to be read in ye Hall for the benefit of the members of this Society and being desirous to give all further assistance to the Students in the prosecution of their studys do order that any member of this Society

[1] The average of admissions during the ten years prior to this order was lower than that for any like period between 1520 and the present day.

may be at liberty to propose to the Reader any point or question in law which if he thinks proper may be publickly debated in the Hall on the next or any future day on which a lecture shall be read after such lecture is over in which debate the Reader shall preside as moderator."[1]

PENSION 16th May, 1753. Present:—SWINBURNE, THORNHILL, HENLEY, FAWKES, MORLEY, WAPLE and WEGG.

£600 to be insured on each of the houses lately in possession of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Areskine, £500 on that lately in possession of Mr. Dunn and £500 on that now in possession of Mr. Stebbing, all situated in Warwick Court and belonging to this Society.

The Rev. Henry Stebbing is to have liberty to let the house he enjoys as Preacher of the Society for a term not exceeding one year, the tenancy to be terminable by six months' notice after the expiration of the year.

PENSION 30th May, 1753. Present:—SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, CAY, FREDERICK, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Luke Robinson elected Treasurer.

Vol. iii of Danvers' *Abridgment*, vol. vii of the *State Trials* (large paper) and vol. ix of Viner's *Abridgment* to be bought.

PENSION 3rd July, 1753. Present:—THORNHILL, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that ye steps at ye back of ye Chapel be repaired."

Edward Collingwood admitted to vote in Pension.

No abatement to be made for castings into commons in the case of members, having chambers, who are in arrear for two years, or upwards, for their duties.

[1] The intention clearly was to revive the old procedure, as to which see former volume, p. xxix.

PENSION (adjourned) 1st Aug: 1753. Present:—SWINBURN, THORNHILL, GARDEN, ROBINSON, MORLEY, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Whereas several of the proprietors of Chambers in the staircase No. 9 in Coney Court have made their complaints to the Bench against the tenant in Mr. Henley's Bench Chamber in that staircase and the servants or people belonging to him for diverse nusances and abuses and the Bench having heard all parties this day in Pention and the same being fully proved It is ordered that ye said Mr. Henley do give his tenant notice to quit the said Chambers at Christmas next and that the Steward do send Mr. Henley a copy of this order accordingly."

"Ordered that new posts be set up at the garden gates in Gray's Inn Lane."

"Ordered that two new surplices be made for ye Chapell Reader."

"Ordered that Mr. Luke Robinson's Bench Chamber be painted and whitewashed."

"Ordered that a new drein be made in Mr. Stebbing's house to prevent the same from stinking."

PENSION 14th Nov: 1753. Present:—SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, CAY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

Mr. Henley not having obeyed the order of 1st August last, "it is ordered that he do remove his said tenant on or before Christmas day next," or the chamber will be seized.

PENSION 21st Nov: 1753. Present:—CLERKSON, HENLEY, GARDEN, CAY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

Charles Monson, a Bencher of this Society, "not having been at Pension for the last five terms, and having acquainted ye Steward of the Society that it would not be convenient for him to give the attendance required by the order for holding Bench Chambers," his chambers are to go to the next Bencher in seniority.

"Mr. Henley acquainting the Bench that it would be very inconvenient to Mr. Whitehead to leave his chambers till Lady Day next, Ordered that Mr. Whitehead have time given him until Lady day next for quitting ye said chamber."

"Ordered that William Hart the Head Porter be discharged from his place for his inconsistent and contradicting behaviour before the Bench on his examination in relation to the company he was in the night ye fire happened in Mr. Girdlers chambers."

PENSION 27th Nov: 1753. Present:—CLERKSON, GARDEN, etc.

John Fenton Clark called to the Bar.

William Hart having acknowledged his fault and promised not to offend again is restored to his office.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1754. Present:—CLERKSON, SWINBURN, HENLEY, GARDEN, GRAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that the Steward of this Society do pay unto Danby Pickering Esq. the sum of £60 as soon as he shall have compleated his forty lectures according to his agreement And the Benchers of this Society having attended so many of ye said lectures as have been read, and the same having been performed very much to their satisfaction, it is likewise ordered that the Steward do pay unto the said Mr. Pickering the further sum of £20 for a piece of plate, as a mark of their esteem for his having so well discharged himself in his office of Reader And the Benchers of this Society being fully persuaded of the benefit which will arise to the members of this Society from a continuation of the said lectures, it is further ordered that the same number of lectures be continued for the year ensuing and that the said Mr. Pickering be paid the sum of £60 for the same when they shall be compleated."

PENSION 14th May, 1754. Present:—SWINBURN, GARDEN, CAY, FAWKES, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Ayscough Fawkes elected Treasurer.

PENSION 26th June, 1754. Present:—The above and MORLEY.

"Ordered that ye Chapel be shut up from Sunday the 7th day of July next" and "that the said Chapel be repaired according to the plan and estimate delivered in to the Bench."

Any laundress throwing filth into the courts to be prosecuted by the Society.

PENSION (adjourned) 17th July, 1754. Present:—THORNHILL, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

"Ordered that the stucco on the back part of the Chapell be repaired and that the door of Mr. Place's chamber be made to fold and that a new sash door be made in the staircase leading into the Ladys Gallery and a sash partition at the bottom of the stairs leading to the Judges Gallery, and the stone step to be continued to the end of the Barristers' pews and the rails at the altar to be removed and placed into folding doors at the step leading into the body of the Chapell."

"Ordered that the following regulations be observed by the officers and servants in the Chapell:

That the front seat in the south gallery[1] be reserved for the Judges Kings Councel Serjeants at law Masters in Chancery, the Treasurer Dean of the Chapel and other Benchers of the Society. That the two back seats in the same gallery be kept for any gentlemen who are not members of the Society. That the three pews on the south side of the altar be set apart for the Benchers and that no other person be admitted into them.

That the two pews on the north side of the altar be set apart for gentlemen of distinction who may resort to the Chapell and that no member of the Society be admitted into those pews.

That the three pews opposite the Readers desk be set apart for Barristers of the Society and no person except Barristers be admitted into the front seat, but when there is not a sufficient number of Barristers to fill the other two seats then any Attorneys or gentlemen inhabitants in the Inn may be admitted into them. That six pews adjoyning to the Barristers on the south side and the six opposite pews on the north side be set apart for students of the Society, attorneys, sollicitors and other gentlemen.

That three pews on each side adjoyning to the above six be kept for the officers

[1] This gallery was at the east end of the south side and the Benchers' pews were under it. By an order of 27th April, 1763, it was assigned to "the Benchers' families," and this order remained in force till its demolition, which occurred in 1883 incidentally to the enlargement of the library.

of ye Society and persons who inhabit any of the chambers or live in the neighbourhood.

That the three pews under the gallery be kept for the servants belonging to gentlemen of the Society.

That no person be admitted to go into the Chapell at ye North East Door except such as are to be placed in seats and that the area before the rails of the altar be kept clear and no person admitted to stand in the Chapell except in the middle Isle below the step leading to the altar and under the gallery at the west end. That the south door be kept shut from the beginning to the end of Divine service.

That the Steward do obtain from each Bencher the names of the three Ladys he has directed to be placed in the gallery at the west end, distinguishing the lady who is to sit in the front seat, and that the Preacher do deliver to the Steward the names of two ladys who at his request are placed by the favour and during the pleasure of the Bench. That the Steward do prepare a list in three columns, the first to contain ye name of each Bencher and the Preacher, the second ye name of the lady who is to sit in the front and the third the names of the ladys who are to sit in the three other seats and that this list be fixt on the inside of the door at the entrance of the said seats."

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1754. Present:—SWINBURN, GARDEN, ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH and WAPLE.

Andrews's *Reports*, Wood and Horsman's *Conveyances*, Nathaniel Bacon upon the *Laws*, and Jacob's *Statute Law common placed* to be bought.

Patience Beaver, daughter of the late Steward, appointed pew-keeper for the Ladies' Gallery in the Chapel.

PENSION 4th Feb: 1755. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that Mr. Smart do remove his things out of the Hall gallery and that the door of the said gallery be lockt up and the key thereof be kept by the Steward."

PENSION (adjourned) 18th Feb: 1755. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, GRAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that the steward do pay unto Mr. Pickering the sum of sixty pounds when he shall have compleated his lectures for the

last year and also the sum of £20 as a mark of esteem for his discharging his office of Reader so much to the approbation of the Benchers and other members of this Society and the Bench do also further order that the lectures be continued for the year ensuing" at the former payment (£60).

"Ordered that the arms of Sir Thomas Clark Kn^t^, a member of this Society, lately appointed Master of the Rolls be put up in the great window of the Hall at the expence of the Society."

PENSION 29th April, 1755. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, FAWKES, GRAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that the several gentlemen whose names are underwritten and which were entred of this Society beginning the 17th Oct. 1730 and ending the 10th May 1732 inclusive be called to the Bench they first paying each of them 100 marks as a fine and all other dutys in arrear to the House and to take their places according to their seniority and that they do attend at the next Pention in order to accept their said call vizt

Strahan Wm.	17 Oct. 1730		Green Tho.	1 July 1731
King Tho.	3 Feb.	,,	Sturt Geo.	3 Sept. ,,
Twells Ed.	24 Feb.	,,	Evans Kingsmill,	10 May 1732
Bacon Ed.	25 Feb.	,,		

"Ordered that the old part of Mr. Geddes's chambers (formerly Hastings) adjoyning to the Hall be not renewed but that the term therein be let run out to ye hands of the House, as also the chambers in the name of Mr. Roger Jenyns (formerly Hardcastle's) between the Hall and Chaple and that this be a standing order of the House."

"Ordered that the arms of Ayscough Fawkes Esq. late Treasurer of this Society with his name at length be set up against the Ladys gallery in ye chaple."

Charles Gray elected Treasurer.

William Hart, the Head Porter, is discharged.

PENSION 7th May, 1755. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, FAWKES, GRAY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

Called to the Bar: Charles Lowe Whytell, Roger Wilson and William Miller.

William Bosley called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Mr. Baron Adams.

Edward Twells and George Sturt to have their votes in Pension.

PENSION 6th June, 1755. Present:—SWINBURN, GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

"Ordered that the Treasurer of this Society do for the future sit at the upper end of the Bench table in the Hall."[1]

Johnson's *Dictionary*[2] and Chambers' *Supplement* to be bought.

PENSION 16th June, 1755. Present:—SWINBURN, GARDEN, etc.

[William] Henry Rickets called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 25th July, 1755. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, ROBINSON, MORLEY, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

"Ordered that the wall and privet hedge between the upper and lower Walks be taken down and a slope made instead thereof and that the slope in the ashed Walk be continued to the west end of the lower Walks and that ye middle Walk in the upper Walks be taken away and turned into grass and that the mount called Bacon's Mount[3] be taken away and cleared and the ground covered with

[1] It was not until 1786 that the practice of recording the Treasurer's name first in the list of Benchers present at a Pension was adopted, but he had, before then, presided. His casting-vote dates from 18th February, 1765.

[2] The Dictionary was published on the 15th of the preceding April.

[3] The mount had been constructed in 1608, and a canopied seat, or "banqueting house," built on the top of it, on the site now occupied by No. 5 Raymond's Buildings. In Bacon's essay "Of Gardens"—written, it would seem, in his chambers on the site of No. 1 Gray's Inn Square—a "fair mount . . . with some fine banqueting

grass and that the two gravel walks on each side of ye Great Walk in the lower garden be turn'd into grass with the lawn thereto adjoyning for widening the same and that the said several alterations be made and the several trees left standing agreeable to the plan brought in by the gardener and markt with the letter A and that any three or more of ye Bench do give directions for carrying on the said works from time to time as they shall think fit."

PENSION 18th Nov: 1755. Present:—CAY, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

Thomas Sherwood appointed Head Porter.

"Such part of the ground chambers belonging to Mr. Geddes as is in Bacons Buildings[1] otherwise called No. 15 in Coney Court" may be renewed, but the other part "which is adjoyning to the Hall of this Society and was formerly called Sackford's Buildings" is not to be renewed.

"The row of trees in a line from the building on ye north side of Coney Court at the end of No. 5 to the arched walk" to be cut down.

The last edition of Fitzherbert's *Natura Brevium* in quarto to be bought, also Taylor's *Elements of the Civil Law* and the continuation of the *Parliamentary History*.

PENSION 25th Nov: 1755. Present:—CAY, MORLEY, etc.

James Eyre called to the Bar of grace on the recommendation of Chief Baron Parker.

PENSION 30th Jan: 1756. Present:—CAY, ROBINSON, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

The three surviving trustees of the East India Annuities are to execute a letter of attorney to the Steward to empower him to transfer these annuities to William Sheffield, for him to transfer the

house" is mentioned as one of the features to be desired in a garden. Bacon had put an inscription on the seat, for which see proceedings at a Pension of 20th June, 1798.

[1] *I.e.*, the buildings erected in 1682-3 on the site of Grimston's Buildings (see p. 70).

same to the said three trustees and Luke Robinson, Esq., in trust for the Society.

A new feoffment to be made by the Society's trustees to the present Benchers.

The sycamore tree and the lower elm at the foot of the west slope in the walks and the building on the west side of the Great Walk are to be taken down and search to be made whether there be any spring under the building.

In reply to Mr. Clowes' letter of 20th Jan. last, the steward is to say that the Bench rely on his honour that he had no notice of his call to the Bench, and therefore that on accepting that call he may be permitted to renew the term in his chamber on payment of the common fines. He is to be desired to answer whether he will accept his call or not.

Called to the Bench:

Gery Packwood	(admitted)	19 Jan: 1733
James Mainwaring	,,	12 Feb. ,,
John Lyon	,,	27 May, 1734
Thomas Warner	,,	27 April, 1735
James Forster[1]	,,	25 Oct: ,,
Stapleton Dunbar	,,	26 Nov: ,,
Henry Revely	,,	29 Jan: ,,
Thomas Allen Greenalgh	,,	15 May, 1736
Griffydd Price[2]	,,	27 May ,,
Thomas Waite	,,	1 Feb: ,,
Samuel Berkley	,,	2 Mar: ,,

Pension 10th Feb: 1756. Present:—Cay, Morley, Lamplugh, Waple, Sturt and Wegg.

John Leigh called to the Bar of grace, on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Bathurst.

Joseph Girdler called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the thanks of the Bench be given to the Rev^d

[1] James Forster, who never took his place at the Bench, was in 1757 made a Serjeant.

[2] Gryffydd Price was made a K.C. in 1770.

Mr. Stebbing Preacher to this Society for his sermon on the fast day and that he be desired to print ye same."

Mr. Pickering to be paid £60 for his lectures and £20 as a mark of esteem. 25 lectures only to be read next year, but the pay to be the same.

No persons who are not members of the Society are to use the gate from Gray's Inn Lane into the Walks.

"Ordered that 3 more lamps be lighted, one under the passage by the chaple, one in Field Court and one going up the gateway or passage into Holborn."

"Ordered that an advertizement be put in the *Daily Advertizer* and the *Whitehall Evening Post* for proposals to be received for building in the lower garden next the King's Road and that the same be left with Mr. Adams ye Steward of the Society, sealed up, on or before ye 11th day of March next."

PENSION 20th May, 1756. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

John Frederick elected Treasurer.

A transfer of £6,600 East India Annuities to new trustees ordered.

PENSION 26th May, 1756. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, etc.

Charles Owen called to the Bar.

PENSION 6th July, 1756. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, etc.

Joshua Grigby and Andrew Hudleston called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 15th July, 1756. Present:—GARDEN, CAY, FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and WEGG.

"Ordered that the several walks in the lower and upper Walks be turned and new gravelled where wanting and that a new quickset

hedge be planted under the wall next Bedford Row and that the mud wall and ditch next ye King's Road be cleansed and repaired and that the breadth of the said ditch from ye east end of the King's Road to the west end thereof be taken by two fit and indifferent persons."

"Ordered that no persons be suffered to walk on the slopes or grass plots in the Walks and that no children be admitted into the Walks except with proper persons to take care of them and that no dogs be sufferred in the Walks nor any thoroughfare into Gray's Inn Lane and that this order be printed and put up at the great gates of the Walks."

"Ordered that the Hall Plate belonging to this Society be entred at the Excise Office and the duty paid pursuant to the late Act of Parliament the particulars of which plate are as follows.

Hall Plate

	oz.	p.	g.
Two tankards	108	10	0
Four sauceboats	72	0	0
Four candlesticks	76	0	0
Two large bowls with covers	120	0	0
A goblet	38	10	0
An ewer	31	0	0
Eighteen table-spoons, one soup spoon and two marrowspoons	52	0	0
Six salts three castors and an orange strainer	38	0	0
Two salvers	55	10	0
A monteth	98	0	0
A large dish	116	0	0
	805	10	0

Communion Plate

	oz.	p.	g.
Two flaggons	108	16	0
Two chalices with covers	51	0	0
One patten	12	10	0
Two basons	21	10	0
	193	16	0"

Pension 25th Nov: 1756. Present:—Garden, Robinson, Lamplugh, Marton, Waple and Sturt.

Matthew Ridley admitted to vote in Pension.

"That cushions of the same sort which are in ye Bench pews be put into the seats in the Ladys Gallery in the Chaple."

PENSION 5th Feb: 1757. Present:—CAY, ROBINSON, GRAY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and STURT.

A letter was read from Dr. James Hawley, acquainting the Treasurer that the will of his late brother, Henry Hawley, dated 22nd March, 1755, contained a bequest to the Society of £50 to be applied for the benefit of the Society as Pension might direct, on condition that any bond the testator had at any time given to the Society should be delivered to his executor. It was ordered that the bond should be delivered up and the bequest applied to the purchase of books, and that an impression of Mr. Hawley's arms should be engraved on the said books.

PENSION (adjourned) 16th Feb: 1757. Present:—CAY, ROBINSON, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

"Ordered that there be two barrells of Colchester oysters on Frydays in Michaelmas term for the Barristers and Students at ye expence of ye House and that the same quantity be had on Frydays in Hilary term for which the Steward is to be allowed two shillings each day by the House."

Mr. Cay and Mr. Morley are to consider what books shall be purchased with Mr. Hawley's legacy.

Mr. Pickering's lectures to be continued, the same being read on Tuesdays and Fridays during term.

PENSION 12th May, 1757. Present:—GARDEN, FREDERICK, WAPLE, STURT, BERKLEY and WEGG.

Richard Morley elected Treasurer.

PENSION 20th May, 1757. Present:—GARDEN, FREDERICK, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE, BERKLEY and WEGG.

Samuel Berkley admitted to vote in Pension.

Edward Long called to the Bar of grace, on the recommendation of Chief Baron Parker.

Charles Booth and Richard Wilson called to the Bar.

PENSION 29th June, 1757. Present:—GARDEN, FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, MARTON, WAPLE and STURT.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mabbat is granted the shop, late Esplin the barber's, for one year, and she may employ the House bricklayer "to build a chimney against the wall of the Dutchy Office."

Mr. Garden's "dineing room and bed chamber in his Bench chambers" to be painted.

PENSION 21st Nov: 1757. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, WAPLE, STURT, BERKLEY and WEGG.

"Ordered that Mr. Serjeant Forster's arms be put up in ye Hall window."

£400 more to be invested in East India Annuities.

PENSION 28th Nov: 1757. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, etc.

Charles Wolfran Cornwall called to the Bar of grace, on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Clive.

The Steward to be paid eight guineas for "transcribing the book of alphabetical admissions and calls to ye barr."

PENSION 4th Feb: 1758. Present:—GARDEN, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

Mr. Pickering's Law lectures to be continued at the same stipend.

PENSION 28th April, 1758. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, FREDERICK, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT, BERKLEY and WEGG.

The Steward to convey the thanks of the Bench to Mr. Fell for his present of *The Religious Customs and Ceremonies of the Various Nations of the Known World.*

PENSION 8th May, 1758. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, FREDERICK, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

Richard Lamplugh appointed Treasurer.

PENSION 1st June, 1758. Present:—The above.

That the books in the list prepared by Mr. Berkley and Mr. Wegg be bought out of the £50 legacy left by Mr. Hawley and that his arms be put on each book with the following inscription:—*Ex Dono Hen: Hawley Arm: hujus Hospitii socii.*

"Ordered that Maitland's *History of London* be bought for ye Library."

PENSION 9th June, 1758. Present:—GARDEN, FREDERICK, etc.

Hugh Simpson, Edmund Garden, William Gee and William Wilson called to the Bar.

PENSION 24th Nov: 1758. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

Henry Darby Gardner called to the Bar of grace, on the recommendation of Mr. Justice Clive.

The tenant of the chambers 3 stories high No. 6 in Holborn Court is to have notice to quit, on account of the disturbance he has occasioned "by locking up a child in his chambers."

PENSION 2nd Feb: 1759. Present:—GARDEN, FAWKES, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

"Ordered that two 40 feet lengths of pipe be bought for the great engine."

Mr. Pickering's Law lectures to be continued on Tuesdays and Fridays.

£1,000 more to be invested in East India Annuities.

"Ordered that a lamp be put up against the corner of the low

building in Holborn Court adjoyning to the Pastry and that the pump behind Mabbat's shop be brought forwards and also the wall and door to the passage."

"The Bench having observed the great inconveniencies which attend the calling gentlemen to the Bar upon recommendatory letters and ye prejudice arising therefrom to other members of this Society It is ordered that no gentleman shall be called to the Bar upon any recommendatory letter whatsoever.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1759. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, etc.

John Lyons called to the Bar.

PENSION 14th May, 1759. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, BARKER, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT, BERKLEY and WEGG.

"Ordered that the spring found in digging the foundation of No. 1 in Holborn Court be preserved and that a pump be erected for that purpose in the yard behind the said intended building."

"Ordered that 16 Prayer books, 16 Psalm books and a Bible be provided for the Judges' gallery and the Bench pews in the Chapell."

"Ordered that for the future the Benchers of this Society do take their places in the Hall and at Pentions according to their seniority of their acceptance of their call to the Bench except the Treasurer for the time being and that in all future calls to the Bench the Barristers be called according to their seniority at the Bar."[1]

PENSION 22nd May, 1759. Present:—GARDEN, BARKER, ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

John Waple appointed Treasurer.

William Dent, William Mayhew and Edmund Griffith called to the Bar.

[1] The former practice was that Benchers took their places according to their seniority as members of the Society (see pp. 219, 220).

PENSION 2nd July, 1759. Present:—GARDEN, FREDERICK, MORLEY, WAPLE, STURT, BERKLEY and WEGG.

"Ordered that for the future the time for dineing in the Hall on Sundays be at two o'clock and that the service in the Chapell do begin at four o'clock in the afternoon."

"Ordered for reasons received by the Bench that Robert Anthony Bromley be expelled this Society and that his commons and fees due to the Steward and officers of the House be paid out of his admission money and that the remainder thereof be returned to him."

"Ordered that for the future there be no bonfires at Holborn gate."

"Ordered that an advertizment be incerted in the public papers that a piece of ground belonging to this Society under their terras and adjoyning to the King's Road is to be let for a term of years for any building not rising more than within two feet of the terras Walk and that any persons inclined to treat for the same are desired to send their proposals in writing to the Steward before the 18th instant."

"Ordered that the undermentioned pieces of plate be sold,[1] viz.:—

	oz.	d.
The monteth or bowl with the following inscripc̃on: "Ex Dono Nicolai Garrard Baronetti unius sociorum hujus Hospitii 29° die Maii Anno Dñi 1690°"	97	13
The large dish "Ex dono Riĉi Newdegate Servientis ad legem 15° die Junii Anno Dñi 1673°"	115	14
The ewer [with the same inscription]	31	3
The goblet—"Rob: Lewis qui in hoc Graiiensi Hospitio annos quadraginta et octo in studio juris municip: exegit hanc diotam argenteam eidem moriens testamento legavit"	38	14
Six salts—mutat: pro salina Tho: Crew mil: servient ad legem	12	13
Snuffer and stand ex dono Jeremiae Bettenham	11	16
	307	13

"Ordered that eighteen new table spoons, six salt and four marrow spoons be bought for the use of this Society."

[1] The amount realized by the sale was £84 12*s.* (5*s.* 6*d.* per oz.). This order and that on p. 254 go to show that the disappearance of some of the old plate of the Society was not due to any dividing of the corporate property among individuals.

John Harris called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the front of the chapell and the great window of the Hall be new fronted and repaired agreeable to the plan and estimate brought in by Mr. Hedges the mason."

PENSION (adjourned) 18th July, 1759. Present:—GARDEN, ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, WAPLE, BERKLEY and WEGG.

"Ordered that the wall be built next the King's Road agreeable to the plan and estimates brought in by Mr. Gorham."

The Steward allowed £10 for each of the last two terms on account of "the extraordinary dearness of provisions."

PENSION 31st Jan: 1760. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and WEGG.

Luke Robinson appointed Dean of the Chapel.

A "machine fire stove" to be put up in Mr. Strangwaye's Chamber "to prevent his chimney from smoaking."

Mr. Pickering's Law lectures to be continued on the old conditions.

Books to be bought:—"*The Universal History*, Macdowall's *Institute*, Hurd's *Dialogues* and Postlethwayte's *Dictionary*."

£600 East India annuities to be sold for payment of bills.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1760. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE and STURT.

The shop under Holborn gate granted to Benjamin Thomas, breeches-maker, at £5 10*s*. per annum rent.

Prices and conditions of the new chambers, No. 1, Holborn Court:—Term to be 21 years. Fines, when the Society fits up the Chambers "with wainscot, painting and marble chimneypieces and an outer door lock with three keys," £280 for ground and second floor chambers; £300 for first floor. Fines, when tenant fits up, £140 for ground and second floor; £150 for first floor; tenants being obliged to spend on the work £150 for the first floor and £140

for the others. Yearly rent, £2 5*s*. first floor; £1 15*s*. for the others. Garrets to be had—front at a fine of £35, back at £30; rent, £1 15*s*. Alternatively the chambers may be let for three or more years, first floor at £27 rent and 20*s*. yearly to the rolls; others at £25 and 20*s*.

The chambers to be fitted up as follows:—"The front room to be wainscotted with ovolo work plain pannell broad margins whole deal dovetail dado, deal moulded surbase and plinth, architraves to the doors and windows, ovolo flat and square window shutts with square back shuts, the dado and mouldings to be continued round the backs and elbows of the windows; doors two inches six pannell ovolo plain both sides double margin in middle with ovolo flat door lineings. A veined marble chimney piece and slab slips and noseings Rygate hearth and covings with plain deal mouldings to D°, cieling floated with lath and plaister with plaister Ionick block cornice; proper hinges and fastenings to shutters. The back room to be wainscotted with ogee and flat pannells to the bottom deal moulded surbase and plinth, ovolos to the doors and windows, two inch six pannell doors ogee flat and ovolo flat, shutters ogee flat pannell, square back flaps, a vein marble or dove chimney piece with plain deal mouldings to D°, Rygate hearth and covings, cieling floated lath and plaister, plain plaister cornice, proper hinges and fastenings to shutters. The office and bed-chamber to be wainscotted with square work, proper lineings etc., floated cielings, plain plaister cornice, Portland chimney piece and slab in office. Lobby to be square work with surbase and plinth round D°. The garrets to be wainscotted with square work, Portland chimney piece and slab."

Pension 16th May, 1760. Present:—Robinson, Morley, Lamplugh, Sturt, Berkley and Wegg.

Michael Scott called to the Bar.

The following to be called to the Bench:—Hugh Barker Bell, Henry Andrews, William Wilson, Nathaniel Gilbert and William Rookes.

"Ordered that the remainder of the money arising from the plate which was lately sold be laid out in the purchase of such pieces

of plate for the use of this Society as the Benchers in Pention shall direct and that the names of the donors of the old plate be put thereon."

Pension 18th June, 1760. Present:—Robinson, Frederick, Lamplugh, Waple, Sturt, Berkley and Wegg.

George Sturt elected Treasurer.

William Rookes to have a voice in Pension.

Mr. Osborne is to supply a complete third volume of Dugdale's *Monasticon* in the room of the imperfect one supplied by him and the thanks of the Society are to be conveyed to the Rev. Mr. Noble for discovering the imperfection.

Pension (adjourned) 27th June, 1760. Present:—Robinson, Frederick, Morley, Lamplugh, Sturt, Berkley and Rookes.

Edmund Yarburgh to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that from the end of this present Trinity term 1760 Bench chambers be exempt from all dues and duties of the House."

"Ordered that the several chambers three story high on the east side of Coney Court and on the east and west sides of Holborn Court and on the west side of Field Court be charged and chargeable from the end of this present Trinity term 1760 with only half dues and duties of the House and that such Chambers be not for the future allowed as a qualification for the Bar."

Pension 26th Nov: 1760. Present:—Yarburgh, Robinson, etc.

Called to the Bar:—William Bayntun and Maximilian Western.

Pension 10th Feb: 1761. Present:—Yarburgh, Robinson, Gray, Morley, Sturt, Wegg and Rookes.

"Ordered that the Law lectures be continued for the year ensuing and that Mr. Pickering be paid the sum of £60 on com-

pleating the number of lectures as for the last year and that notice be screened in the Hall the next term to let the members of the Society know that unless the lectures are better attended by the members of ye Society (for whose benefit the same were set on foot) the Bench will be under a necessity of discontinuing the same."

A watch-house to be erected outside the gate in Gray's Inn Lane and an extra watchman appointed to attend there from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. from 31st January till 31st October and from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. from 31st October to 31st January. He is to patrol the buildings and see that no filth is laid against them. He is to be allowed a shilling a night and his candle.

PENSION 16th Feb: 1761. Present:—YARBURGH, ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, STURT, BERKLEY, WEGG and ROOKES.

"Ordered that the pannell adjoyning to the doorway going into the Library and the two closets on each side of the Chimney in the Library be fitted up with shelves as near as may be to correspond with the rest of the Library."

PENSION 23rd April, 1761. Present:—YARBURGH, ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, STURT, BERKLEY and WEGG.

Mr. Fitzgerald is to remove the pipe set up by him at the back of his chambers No. 8 in Holborn Court, and is no longer to keep pigeons.

Mr. Cannon is to attend the next Pension to answer the complaint of Mr. Loftus as to his making "several kinds of noise in his chambers at very early and improper times."

PENSION 29th May, 1761. Present:—YARBURGH, FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT and ROOKES.

Two rows of English elms to be planted on the ground adjoining the Kings Road, "one at a distance of — feet from the new wall and the other on the south side of the new walk there to be made near the said new wall."

PENSION 2nd June, 1761. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, WAPLE, STURT, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

Samuel Wegg elected Treasurer.

The Steward's salary increased to twenty guineas a term. He is to be allowed £20 for the last four terms in respect of the dearness of provisions. He is, also, in the future to be "allowed £4 a term for finding beer and bread and mutton for broth."

PENSION 17th Nov: 1761. Present:—GRAY, WAPLE, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

"Ordered that the Steward do give notice to Mr. Cowell that it is contrary to the rules of the House for women to inhabit in any chambers and that he do give imediate notice to the women in his chamber to quit the same."

"Ordered that the sewers rate made in the Society amounting to £45 be paid."

PENSION 25th Nov: 1761. Present:—GRAY, MORLEY, etc.

William Bund (junior) called to the Bar.

PENSION 2nd Feb: 1762. Present:—ROBINSON, WAPLE, BERKLEY, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

Mr. Cowell, not having complied with the order of 17th Nov., is to show cause why his chamber should not be seized.

"Ordered that the Law lectures be continued for ye year ensuing and that Mr. Pickering be paid ye sum of sixty pounds on compleating the number of lectures as for the last year.

"Ordered that Mr. Lamplugh's attendance this term be excused on account of his being in the King's service in the militia."

PENSION 8th Feb: 1762. Present:—ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, WAPLE, BERKLEY, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

The plan as to the ground adjoining the King's Road brought in by Mr. Brownwith with the blank therein for a summer-house is to be carried into execution.

Whereas great nuisances are committed by laundresses, etc., in "pouring the chamber potts out of the windows and by carrying their panns of filth and ordure thrô the several courts at all hours in the day," also by throwing ashes, and among them live ashes, into the passages of the cellars. It is ordered that the pans are to be carried to the boghouse not later than 6 a.m. in summer and 7 a.m. in winter and that ashes are to be emptied in the dusthole and in no other place, on pain to the laundresses of dismissal and to other servants of prosecution.

PENSION 5th May, 1762. Present:—ROBINSON, WAPLE, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

"Ordered that Richard Morley Esq. and Samuel Wegg Esq. be appointed to meet the gentlemen from the several Societies of the Inner Temple, Middle Temple and Lincolns Inn in order to consider of certain rules to be observed concerning the qualification of persons to be called to the Bar and to make their report to the Bench in Pention."

Burn's *Ecclesiastical Law* to be subscribed for.

PENSION 15th June, 1762. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, STURT, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

The surviving trustees for the East India annuities, now amounting to £7,400, are requested to sell them and buy in their place 4 per cent. Bank annuities and the amount of the capital is to be increased to £8,000.

"Ordered that the lecture which used to be read in the Hall on Frydays during term time be for the future read on Thursdays at six o'clock in the evening and that this order be screened."

PENSION 23rd June, 1762. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, etc.

Valentine Morris Horne called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 7th July, 1762. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, WAPLE, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

"Ordered that a new seat be made round the tree at the top of the steps by the side terras and another new seat at ye end of the arched walk."

Two damask cloths to be bought for the Communion Table.

The watch is for the future to be set at 9 p.m. from Michaelmas to Ladyday, and there is to be an additional watchman at Holborn Gate. No person is to be allowed to pass through the Inn after the watch is set, unless he belong to the Society, or mention the name and address of the member to whom he is going.

Cunningham's *Bills of Exchange* and *Policies of Insurance* to be bought; also the *Private Acts of Parliament* in twenty-three volumes.

The Report of Mr. Richard Morley and Mr. Samuel Wegg, as to their conference with representatives of the other Inns of Court on the qualifications of persons to be called to the Bar, was received. They reported that they had met and conferred with the gentlemen appointed by the other Societies and that certain proposals were agreed upon. These proposals having now been submitted to the Pension, it was ordered:—

"That for the future no person shall be called to the Bar in this Society before the end of five years from ye time of his admission, nor shall any person be called to the Bar who shall be under the age of 21 years.

"That every person shall actually keep cõmons in ye Hall twelve terms before he be called to the Bar.

"That Masters of Arts and Batchelors of Laws of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge may be called to the Bar at the end of three years from the time of their admission but this not to dispence with keeping their usual commons.

"That no person be called to the Bar before the time prescribed on account or pretence of his practising the Law in Ireland or the Plantations.

"That no attorney, sollicitor, clerk in Chancery or of the Exchequer shall be called to the Bar until the end of two years at least after they shall have discontinued practising as such.

"The names of the gentlemen who met were: For Gray's Inn Richard Morley and Samuel Wegg; For the Inner Temple Master James Burrow and R. Clayton; For the Middle Temple J. Orlebar and P. Davall; For Lincoln's Inn Robt. Harpur and Jno. Probyn."

Samuel Berkley elected Treasurer.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1762. Present:—ROBINSON, MORLEY, WAPLE, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

Edward Bacon admitted to his vote in Pension.

"Ordered that for the future the clock be not altered without leave of one of the Bench."

Intimations were received that the orders as to qualifications for call to the Bar set forth above were made Acts of Parliament at the Inner Temple on 26th June and at the Middle Temple on 16th July, and that they were ordered at a Council at Lincoln's Inn on 30th June, 1762.

PENSION 31st Jan: 1763. Present:—GRAY, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, YARBURGH and BACON.

"Ordered that the Law lectures be continued as heretofore for ye year ensuing and that Mr. Pickering be paid the sum of sixty pounds on his compleating the number of lectures as for the last year."

PENSION (adjourned) 15th Feb: 1763. Present:—GRAY, MORLEY, RIDLEY, WEGG, ROOKES and YARBURGH.

"Ordered that two new windows at the east and west ends of

the Hall be put up agreeable to the estimate brought in by Mr. Hedges."[1]

PENSION 27th April, 1763. Present:—ROBINSON, MORLEY, BERKLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, YARBURGH and BACON.

"Ordered that James Eyre Esq.[2] a Barrister of this Society and Recorder of the City of London be called to the Bench paying his caution money."

"Ordered that £400 four per cent. Bank annuities be purchased in the names of the present trustees in trust for this Society."

"Ordered that the gallery over the Benchers' seats in the Chapell be appropriated to the use of the Benchers' families and that the Judges Serjeants and Masters in Chancery have their seats with the Benchers."

PENSION 6th May, 1763. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, LAMPLUGH, STURT, BERKLEY, ROOKES, YARBURGH and BACON.

"Ordered that the altar piece for the Chapell markt A. B. be executed in firr."

"Ordered that a new rail be put upon the wall at Jockey Fields and that the old wall be pulled down and a new one built to range even with the end of the house in Mrs. Graham's possession and that a rail be continued from the bottom of the steps at Jockeys Fields to ye window of Dr. Stebbing's house to prevent filth and nusances being put in ye corner there."

[1] That there were windows at the east and west ends of the Hall prior to the alteration of the contiguous buildings is certain from Dugdale's list of the coats of arms in them (*Origines Juridiciales*). The above order can only have sanctioned a "restoration."

[2] James Eyre, who had migrated from Lincoln's Inn some seventeen days before the Society of Gray's Inn called him to the Bar, had only just been appointed Recorder. He was made a Baron of the Exchequer and knighted in 1772; in 1787 he was Chief Baron, and in 1793 Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

Pension 12th May, 1763. Present:—Robinson, Frederick, Morley, Lamplugh, Sturt, Wegg, Berkley, Rookes, Yarburgh, Bacon and Eyre.

Langhorne Burton called to the Bar.

"Ordered that James Eyre Esqr a Barrister of this Society and Recorder of the City of London having accepted his call to ye Bench and paid his caution money have a vote in Pention and do take his place according to his seniority of accepting his call."

Pension 13th June, 1763. Present:—Frederick, Lamplugh, Sturt, Wegg, Berkley, Rookes, Yarburgh and Eyre.

A notice-board to be put up against the Inn wall in Jockey Fields with a notice forbidding the laying of rubbish there on penalty of prosecution.

Mr. Bayntun, a Barrister of the Society, is permitted "to make a doorway in the north front of his house or messuage, situate in Fulwood's Rents, to open upon the ground of this Society" in Field Court, but it is to continue only during the pleasure of the Bench, or feoffees, of the Society. He is to pay a shilling a year for it; he is to "shut up the door which now opens into Fulwood's Rents" and keep it shut so long as he enjoys the new door, and he is to make up and inclose the doorway on demand of the Bench.

Pension 21st June, 1763. Present:—Frederick, Morley, Lamplugh, Sturt, Wegg, Berkley, Rookes, Yarburgh and Eyre.

William Rookes elected Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 27th June, 1763. Present:—The above.

The Steward allowed £10 for the last two terms on account of the dearness of provisions.

"Ordered that the Chapell be whitewashed and the paper machee done according to Mr. Bromage design except as to the ornamental

part in the panells which are to be left out and that Mr. Bromage do give Mr. Wegg an estimate of the charge thereof."

The Steward to agree as to leases with the tenants of "the low buildings adjoyning to the south end of the Walks."

PENSION 25th Nov: 1763. Present:—MORLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, YARBURGH and EYRE.

Robert Burton called to the Bar.

Roger Pocklington "having taken the degree of Batchelor of Laws in ye University of Cambridge and being of fifteen terms standing, having paid all his duties, received the Sacrament, performed all his exercises and has a Chamber in his own right" is called to the Bar.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1764. Present:—ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, YARBURGH, EYRE and PRICE.

Gryffydd Price to have a vote in Pension.

"Ordered that the Law lectures be continued for the year ensuing on the former terms and conditions."

PENSION 13th Feb: 1764. Present:—ROBINSON, MORLEY, STURT, ROOKES, WEGG and YARBURGH.

John Leigh permitted to assign his interest (a lease for twenty-one years from Ladyday, 1761) in the chamber "one story high No. 1 in Coney Court" to Thomas Chapman.

PENSION 31st May, 1764. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, STURT, ROOKES, E. BACON and EYRE.

The following to be called to the Bench:

Wilson Tho.	called to the Bar		4th July, 1747
Bonner Tho.	,,	,,	26th May, 1750
Tullie Jos.	,,	,,	do.
Port Geo.	,,	,,	do.
Coldham Jas.	,,	,,	11th Feb: 1750.

"Ordered that the four houses at the bottom of Warwick Court in possession of Mr. Tinkler, Mr. Dowson, Mrs. Graham and the Hawkers' and Pedlars' Office be insured in the Hand in Hand Fire Office in the name of Thomas Adams, the Steward of this Society, in trust for this Society, and also all ye chambers in the hands of the House."

A small piece of ground (seven feet by four) fronting on the north on the passage to Bedford Row, granted to Francis Dunn at a rent of one shilling.

PENSION 5th July, 1764. Present:—FREDERICK, ROBINSON, MORLEY, STURT, ROOKES, EYRE and PRICE.

Samuel Pechell, a Master in Chancery, called to the Bench.

Metcalfe Russell called to the Bar.

Edward Bacon elected Treasurer.

PENSION 28th Nov: 1764. Present:—ROBINSON, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE and PRICE.

Samuel Pechell admitted to vote in Pension.

The Chapel furniture to be cleaned and new trimmed.

"Ordered that Mr. Tullie's former call to the Bench be postponed for future consideration and that the fine in the mean time be not accepted."

Any three Benchers to be a committee empowered to transact necessary business during the vacation.

Chandler's *Debates of the Houses of Lords and Commons* to be bought.

PENSION 28th Jan: 1765. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, GRAY, MORLEY, RIDLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, PRICE and PECHELL.

"Ordered that Mr. Noble's widow be paid ten pounds as a gift from the House and that the Rev. Mr. Garden who officiated as Reader and Afternoon Preacher from 31st July last to 23rd Dec:

last for Mr. Noble at which time he [Mr. Noble] died be paid by the Society at the rate of 15*s.* per week."

The Law lectures to be continued.

£500 Bank annuities to be purchased.

"Ordered that the sum of £50 heretofore subscribed by this Society towards widening the Devil's Gap[1] be paid into the hands of Messrs. Child and Co."

PENSION 9th Feb: 1765. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, GRAY, RIDLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, EYRE, PRICE and PECHELL.

"Ordered that the several chambers belonging to the Society be insured and also the books in the Library and that the insurances be taken in the name of the Steward in trust for the feoffees of this Society."

PENSION (adjourned) 18th Feb: 1765. Present:—The above.

The Steward and Chief Butler to have eight shillings a week during such times as he does not have commons in the Hall. The Chief Cook, the Second Butler and Panyerman, the third and the fourth butler to have 3*s.* 4*d.* a week for the same time.

"Ordered that the Chapel Reader of this Society have a salary of £70 per ann.," with a chamber and commons in term time, and that his duty be as before, "except that in future the afternoon Preacher of this Society do read prayers as well as preach on every Sunday in the afternoon."

Mr. Edmund Garden appointed Chapel Reader.

The Afternoon Preacher for reading prayers and preaching on Sunday afternoons is to have £50 per annum.

Mr. George Chatfield[2] appointed Afternoon Preacher.

Mr. Garden to be paid ten guineas for officiating during Hilary term, over and above the ordinary salary of Afternoon Preacher.

[1] The "Devil's Gap" was an archway at the west end of Great Queen Street.

[2] Chatfield was nephew to George Sturt, one of the Benchers.

"Ordered that for the future in all cases where it shall happen that on any division in Pention the votes or numbers shall be equal the Treasurer for the time being, or in his absence the Senior Bencher then present, shall have a casting vote over and besides the vote ye said Treasurer or Senior Bencher is intitled to as a Bencher."

Pension 10th May, 1765. Present:—Morley, Ridley, Sturt, Wegg, Rookes, Bacon, Eyre and Price.

"Ordered that the steps behind the Chapel be took away and a slope made in liew thereof and the pavement there leading from Holborn Court to Coney Court new laid and made good."

"Ordered that two stools be provided for the altar place in the Chapel and covered with the velvet on the old stools and also two new kneeling stools to be covered with velvet as the others are."

"Ordered that such of Prynn's works as are not now in the Library be purchased to make his works compleat."

"Ordered that Mr. Tullie's call to the Bench be postponed till further order."

Pension 16th May, 1765. Present:—Morley, Sturt, Wegg, Rookes, Eyre, Price and Pechell.

The second butler to be allowed three guineas a year "in liew of his loss in selling wine in the Hall."

"Ordered that a lamp be placed at the door of every resident Bencher."

Pension 24th June, 1765. Present:—Frederick, Morley, Sturt, Rookes, Bacon and Price.

Matthew Ridley elected Treasurer.

"Ordered that the Hall be repaired agreeable to the estimates brought in by the carpenter and plaisterer and that the wainscot be

varnished and the screen painted and the north and south windows glazed with Crown glass in lead."[1]

"Ordered that fifty guineas be given by this Society towards paving Little Queen Street, Great Queen Street, Long Acre and St. Martin's Lane and that the same be paid unto Mr. Child the Banker on or before the first day of July next."

Susannah Noble widow of the late Reader to be "paid £10 half yearly till further order."

PENSION 30th Jan: 1766.[2] Present:—ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, RIDLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES and PRICE.

The Law lectures to be continued.

The new Walk to be gravelled and the lawn sown with clover and meadow hay seed.

Three new surplices to be bought for the Chapel.

PENSION 8th Feb: 1766. Present:—GRAY, RIDLEY, STURT, ROOKES, EYRE, PRICE and PECHELL.

"Ordered that Mr. Browne be paid £25 for his plans trouble etc. about the new ground and Walks next the King's Road."

The steps from Field Court to Holborn Court to be taken away.

PENSION 18th June, 1766.[3] Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG and ROOKES.

"Ordered that the handle of the New River pump behind Mabbat's shop be chained and lockt up and the key left with the Steward at the Library, the use of the said pump water being applied by many persons for washing linnen in chambers to ye very great

[1] Providentially the bay window escaped treatment. A hundred years earlier the north and south windows had contained coats of arms, for which see Dugdale's *Origines Juridiciales*.

[2] The Pension met once in Michaelmas term, but only to adjourn.

[3] Pensions were held in Easter term, but the business was of no interest.

nusance and contrary to the orders of the Society And it is likewise ordered that in case the laundresses and servants continue to empty any nastyness or filth at the pump behind N° 1 in Holborn Court that the Steward do likewise chain up the said pump until further order."

Mr. Recorder Eyre elected Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 26th June, 1766. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES and EYRE.

Mr. Cannell to remove the women out of his chamber or the chamber will be seized.

PENSION (adjourned) 10th Dec: 1766. Present:—MORLEY, STURT, ROOKES, EYRE, PRICE and PECHELL.

"Ordered that a new iron range be put up in the Kitchen and that for the future the meat be roasted with sea coal instead of charcoal."

The thanks of the Bench given to Dr. Stebbing for his gift of his late father's works.

The gardener's salary increased in consideration of the labour of "laying the ground next adjoyning to the King's Road into the Walks of the Society."

PENSION 2nd Feb: 1767. Present:—RIDLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PRICE and PECHELL.

Thomas Bonner to have his vote in Pension.

The Law lectures to be continued.

PENSION 28th May, 1767. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Joseph Liddell, Alan Chambre and Aston Harris.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1767. Present:—GRAY, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE and PRICE.

Ordered "that Mr. Molloy's executors and the tenant in the old building by the Hall have notice to deliver up the possession of the same by Lady Day next O. S. at which time Mr. Molloy's term therein will expire."

Gryffydd Price elected Treasurer.

"Ordered unanimously that if it be agreeable to Doctor Stebbing to give up the house he has allowed him in Warwick Court as Preacher of this Society that he be paid the sum of fifty pounds per annum in liew thereof till further order, or until another house of equal value be provided for him, the same to be paid him by equal payments at the end of every term."

The washing allowance of the cook increased "on account of the increase of the number of surplices washed."

PENSION (adjourned) 23rd Feb: 1768. Present:—ROBINSON, MORLEY, STURT, ROOKES, RIDLEY, BACON, PRICE and PECHELL.

Mr. Wood is to remove the woman out of his chamber, "it being contrary to the rules of the Society for women to live in chambers."

A committee to survey the Duchy Office with reference to repairs.

The (Law) lectures to be continued. They are to be delivered on each Wednesday in term.

"Ordered that a sum not exceeding twenty guineas be distributed by any two or more of the Bench to such poor persons in the parish of Saint Andrew Holborn above the Barrs as shall be recommended by the overseers and governors of the workhouse in such proportions as the said Benchers shall think fit."

PENSION 22nd June, 1768. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE and PRICE.

"The Bench have reconsidered their proposal to the Dutchy Office on the foot of Mr. Russell's memorial and in order to accede

as far as they can to the convenience of the Office, they propose, that in case the present order is not agreeable to the Officers, that the Office in its present extent shall be continued at the old rent for the term proposed, on condition that the Dutchy Officers put the office in compleat repair and keep it and leave it at the end of the term in the same, ye Bench having waived the convenience of taking the room and leave it to go with the Office as before."[1]

PENSION (adjourned) 29th June, 1768. Present:—ROBINSON, FREDERICK, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG and ROOKES.

"The Officers of the Dutchy having informed the Steward of this Society that they will accept of the proposal made by the Bench at the last Pention Ordered that an agreement for a lease be prepared between the Steward of this Society on their behalf and Mr. Masterman upon the terms mentioned in ye abovesaid proposal."

"£300 Bank Consolidated annuities four per cent." to be bought.

PENSION 17th Nov: 1768. Present:—MORLEY, RIDLEY, ROOKES, BACON, EYRE, PRICE and PECHELL.

Mr. Smart is to have notice to quit his chambers "next the Hall passage," the Bench having occasion for them.

PENSION 6th Feb: 1769. Present:—MORLEY, STURT, ROOKES, BACON, EYRE and PECHELL.

The following to be called to the Bench:—

Danby Pickering,	called to the bar		8th May, 1741
John Fenton Clarke	,,	,,	27th Nov: 1753
Roger Wilson	,,	,,	7th May, 1755
Wm. Henry Rickets	,,	,,	16th June, 1755.

[1] The terms of the proposal are not recorded. But evidently the Bench were desirous of a Pension Room adjoining the Hall, and had contemplated taking for the purpose part of the building of which they eventually took the whole. See orders of 14th June, 1788.

"Ordered that the lectures be discontinued from and after the last day of Hilary term 1769."

The sewers rate (£80) to be paid.

Samuel Pechell elected Treasurer.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1769. Present:—ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, STURT, WEGG, RIDLEY, BACON and PRICE.

Books to be bought: Robinson's *Life of Charles V*, Anderson's *Lives of Charles IX and Francis II of France*, the additions to Macclaine's *Ecclesiastical History*, the second volume of Burroughs' *Sessions Cases*, and the last edition of Sir Isaac Newton's *Fables*.

Henry Palmer Watts called to the Bar.

Roger Wilson and William Henry Rickets admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION (adjourned) 27th Feb: 1769. Present:—MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PRICE and WILSON.

"Ordered that the wall behind the east end of the Chapell be pointed and the ground levelled and new gravelled and that the ground on the south side of the Chapell next the Dutchy Office be also new gravelled."

PENSION 4th May, 1769. Present:—MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, EYRE, WILSON and PICKERING.

Danby Pickering admitted to his vote in Pension.

"Ordered that a view be had of the room intended for a drawing room for the Bench in the chambers lately held by Mr. Smart[1] next the Hall and also of ye rooms under it if fit to be made up for a barber and if the shop under Coney Court Gate may not be made a lodge for the Head Porter."

"Ordered that for the future any two Barristers may sit as

[1] The room in question was evidently that which had a door into the Hall gallery (see p. 279). It would seem that it did not find favour, for soon after this date a Pension Chamber was established at No. 1, Coney Court, first floor, south. See note on p. 314.

judges at ye exercises for the Bar and that the exercises may be performed either in ye Hall or Library."

Three new surplices to be bought for the Chapel.

"Ordered that the chamber now in possession of Mr. Rookes, No. 2 in Coney Court, as his Bench chamber, shall be henceforth held by him and by every other Bencher hereafter to be admitted to the same under the conditions and qualifications which are contained in the order for Bench Chambers made the 10th day of June 1740 and that the order dated the 22nd day of February 1737 for holding the said chamber be from henceforth declared null and void." [1]

Pension 2nd June, 1769. Present:—Robinson, Frederick, Wegg, Rookes, Eyre, Price, Wilson and Pickering.

"Ordered that six new oak seats be made for the Walks in the same manner as the present seats and that such of the old ones as are fit be repaired."

"Ordered that a curtain be put up in the window on the south side of the Chapel next the Bar pews and that the back seat in the Judges' Gallery be lined and a cushion made for the seat and two prayer books and two psalm books bought for that pew."

It is referred to Mr. Wegg to consider and report as to the purchase of the house occupied by a baker next Abington's Coffee house.

Pension 9th June, 1769. Present:—Frederick, Morley, Wegg, Rookes, Pechell, Wilson and Pickering.

All pipes, for bringing New River water into chambers, which have been laid without an order in Pension are to be cut off.

Mr. Wegg is to proceed in the treaty for the house of Bishop, the baker, in Holborn.

Renewals of terms for chambers are to be subject to the following provisions, in addition to those formerly ordered:—No renewals to be granted in the case of chambers held by members in trust for strangers, nor of chambers which now are, or hereafter shall be,

[1] This order was rescinded (see order of 1st June, 1778).

occupied by persons exercising any trade, handicraft, or business therein, or having women and children living therein (unless, in the latter case, it be a ground-floor chamber and so have a kitchen). All chambers to be insured before renewal. No member to hold in his own name more than one chamber, unless the second chamber held be on the third story. No chambers to be laid together except by order of Pension.

PENSION (adjourned) 20th June, 1769. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, WILSON and PICKERING.

"Ordered that the dial upon the south side of the Hall and the cupolas of the Hall and Chapel be new painted."

"Ordered that two new Summerhouses at the ends of the terras walk be built upon the plan markt B. in stone leaving out the small ornaments between the triglyphs."

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1769. Present:—ROBINSON, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE, PRICE, WILSON and PICKERING.

Called to the Bar:—Fletcher Rigge and Thomas Chapman.

Books to be bought:—Abbé Mably's Works, *History of the Origin of Arts and Sciences*, Harris' translation of *Justinian*, Molineux's *Case of Ireland with the Judges' Opinion on y' Case of Tenures*, Dr. Ferdinando Warner's *Ecclesiastical History* and *History of France* by Vally Villaret.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1770. Present:—ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, RIDLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, EYRE and PECHELL.

The feoffees of the House to execute a lease to Robert Dyneley of Mr. Morgan's house in Warwick Court and to William Masterman of the Duchy Office.

£900 Bank Annuities to be sold and applied to the purchase of the baker's house in Holborn owned by Mr. Holroyd Baker.

The following gentlemen to be called to the Bench:—Leigh John, Owen Charles, Grigby Josh., Hudleston And., Booth Chas.

S. B. S.,[1] Wilson Rich., Cornwall C. W., Wilson Wm., Dent Wm. and Mayhew Wm.

"Ordered that an additional watchman be employed at the expence of this Society to watch the ten houses belonging to this Society viz: six in Warwick Court and four at the bottom of the said Court next the Walks and that such watchman be paid as the other watchmen belonging to the House and that a new watch box be set up close by the rails at the west end of the Hawkers' Office and that the gates belonging to this Society and which divide the houses belonging to this Society in Warwick Court from the other part of the Court be shut up at eleven of the clock in the evening and opened at five of the clock in the morning from the 31st March to the 30th September, and to be shut up at ten of ye clock in the evening and opened at six of the clock in the morning from ye 30th September to 31st March And that the watchman have a key of ye said gate in Warwick Court to let the inhabitants of the said ten houses in and out of ye said gates in Warwick Court as they shall have occasion And that Dr. Stebbing the Preacher of this Society have another key of ye said gates."

Danby Pickering elected Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 26th Feb: 1770. Present:—Gray, Morley, Ridley, Wegg, Rookes, Bacon, Price, Pechell, Pickering, Clarke, Cornwall, Dent and Mayhew.

"Ordered that the several tradesmen be paid some money on account, not exceeding two thirds of their respective bills."

"Mr. Chatfield the Afternoon Preacher to this Society having applied to have the fee of £4 due to this Society on his admission as a member thereof remitted to him, the same is granted But it is ordered that this shall not be drawn into a precedent."

John Fenton Clarke, Charles Owen, Charles Swaine Boothe Sharpe, Charles Wolfran Cornwall,[2] William Dent and William Mayhew admitted to vote in Pension.

[1] He had been admitted and called to the Bar in the name of Charles Booth, but from the above date he appears in the records as Charles Swaine Booth Sharpe.

[2] Charles Wolfran Cornwall had been admitted to the Inn and called to the Bar in the same month, November, 1757, having previously been a member of Lincoln's

PENSION 9th May, 1770. Present:—MORLEY, ROOKES, etc.

Samuel Tooker called to the Bar.

PENSION 22nd May, 1770. Present:—MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE, PICKERING, OWEN, DENT and MAYHEW.

Edmund Barker called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the lodge and shops on the west side of Holborn gate way be taken down and demolished and the ground or flooring thereof be paved with some of ye old Purbeck pavement from Coney Court and the Head Porter is to have the shop on the East side formerly occupied by Meighan the bookseller in liew of the said shops so taken down and a chimney is to be made at the South end of the said last mentioned shop which is to be used as ye Porter's Lodge."

PENSION 28th June, 1770. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE, PICKERING, SHARPE, DENT and MAYHEW.

The Bank annuities to be transferred to the surviving trustees and Messrs. Rookes and Pickering.

The floors of the new summerhouses to be paved with Portland stone.

"Ordered that prayers be read in the Chapel only Wednesdays Frydays and Holy days during ye Long Vacation."

PENSION 3rd July, 1770. Present:—FREDERICK, MORLEY, PICKERING, CLARKE, SHARPE, DENT and MAYHEW.

"Ordered that in future all gentlemen who shall be called to the Bar do take their place in the Hall according to such call and not from the original time of their admission into the Society."

Inn. He entered Parliament in 1768, and was elected Speaker in 1780—a post which he held till his death in 1789. Among his predecessors in the chair had been the following Benchers of Gray's Inn:—Sir Edmund Dudley, Sir Humfrey Wingfeild, Sir Thomas Moyle, Sir Thomas Snagg, Sir Christopher Yelverton, Sir Thomas Crewe, Sir John Finch, Sir Thomas Widdrington, Serj: William Gregory and Sir William Williams.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1770. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, CLARKE, SHARP and MAYHEW.

"Ordered that the pavement from the north summerhouse to ye end of ye wall next the King's Road be paved with the old stones now lying there belonging to ye Society and that the posts, hooks and rings fixt in and put up against the garden wall belonging to this Society next the stables in Jockey Fields be imediately took out and removed."

"Ordered that the assignment to be made of Mr. Dent's chambers next ye Library by his exors be made to Mr. Rookes, Mr. Bacon and Mr. Mayhew, Benchers of this Society in trust for this Society And that the Steward do pay £450 being the purchase money agreed for on having a proper assignment executed by ye said exors and ye deeds relating to the said chambers delivered up for the benefit of this Society."[1]

PENSION 27th Nov: 1770. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, etc.

John Elmes called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1771. Present:—PRICE, MORLEY, ROOKES, EYRE, PICKERING, CLARKE, SHARPE and MAYHEW.

"Ordered that the sum of ten pounds per term be added to the present salary of the Revd Doctor Stebbing, Preacher to this Society, the same to commence from the beginning of this present Hilary term."

John Fenton Clarke elected Treasurer.

[1] Dent, who had been appointed the Society's attorney in 1733, and only called to the bar towards the end of his career, had had at various times grants of different chambers; but if—as I believe—the chamber above mentioned was the first floor, south, at No. 1, Coney Court, no grant of it to him appears in the Pension Book. The most recent mention of it was in 1764, when Thomas Leigh assigned it to Thomas Chapman. It is, at any rate, clear, however, that within two years of the end of 1770, the chambers south of, but on the same floor with, the Library at 1, Coney Court, passed to the Society and became the "new Pension Chamber." See the accounts for 1772 and 1773 and orders of 10th February, 1773, and 2nd February, 1789.

PENSION (adjourned) 26th Feb: 1771. Present:—ROBINSON, GRAY, MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, PICKERING, CLARKE and SHARP.

"Ordered that Peter Woulfe gent., a member of this Society have the chamber one story high in the Chapell staircase for one year from Ladyday next at the rent of £14 per annum and 20*s.* yearly to the rolls."

PENSION 8th May, 1771. Present:—GRAY, MORLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP and MAYHEW.

"Ordered that no persons be admitted to read in the Library but members of the Society."

"Ordered that Shillito the Library Keeper have the chambers under late Mr. Smarts[1] next the Hall during the pleasure of the Bench."

PENSION 18th June, 1771. Present:—FREDERICK, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PICKERING, CLARKE, SHARP and MAYHEW.

"Ordered that the Steward of this Society agree with the person or persons who have contracted for lighting the lamps with the Committee at the workhouse in Gray's Inn Lane for lighting the lamps in this Society unless Mr. Robinson who now lights the Inn lamps will agree to light the same at the price agreed for with the said committee."

"Ordered that prayers be read in the Chapell only on Wednesdays Frydays and Holy Days during this long vacation."

PENSION (adjourned) 3rd Dec: 1771. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE and MAYHEW.

"The Bench being informed by the Steward that a rate or assessment has been made on this Society for 4,151 yards for paving

[1] Probably one should read, "the chambers under those which were lately Mr. Smart's" (see Order of 4th May, 1769). There was no arched roadway at the west end of the Hall till the end of 1789.

cleansing and lighting the squares streets lanes and other places within the City and Liberty of Westminster and parts adjacent pursuant to an Act made the 11th year of his present Majestie's reign for that purpose at the rate of sixpence per yard amounting to the sum of £203 15*s.* 6*d.* per ann: Ordered that Mr. Darwin the Sollicitor to this Society in case any demand be made of the said rate or any part thereof do imediately proceed to appeal against the same to the parish committee in manner directed by the said Act and that the determination of the said Committee be forthwith laid before any three or more of the Benchers of this Society who are hereby appointed a Committee to consider of the same and to give any further orders relating to any further busyness which may be thought proper to be pursued thereon."

"Ordered that the *Nisi prius* office be repaired painted and whitewashed."

"Ordered that the allowance for the officers and servants comons in the dineing room and Kitchen on account of the dearness of provisions be at the rate of £3 10*s.* per week instead of the antient allowance of £2 16*s.* 10*d.* per week the same to commence from the beginning of Michaelmas term 1770."

New gates to be made for the entrance into Fulwood's Rents.

Pension 11th Feb: 1772. Present:—Price, Morley, Wegg, Rookes, Pechell, Pickering, Clarke, Sharp and Mayhew.

Charles Owen elected Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 18th Feb: 1772. Present:—Price, Robinson, Gray, Morley, Wegg, Rookes, Pickering, Clarke, Sharp and Mayhew.

"Ordered that from henceforth every day in term shall be a day in commons, but the days in every broken half-week to be days of repasting only."

"Ordered that the Library Keeper attending in the Hall for the last three terms be allowed his comons till further order."

PENSION 25th June, 1772. Present:—FREDERICK, WEGG, ROOKES, EYRE, PICKERING, SHARP and MAYHEW.

Called to the Bar:—Thomas Hill, John Lloyd, George Crawford Rickets and John Lloyd, M.A., the younger.

"The Benchers of this Society having received information that some members have let their chambers to a house-broker who has let the same ready furnished to persons not members of this Society and being determined to put a stop to a method which must be productive of great scandal and disgrace to this Society and which is contrary to all the rules and orders thereof It is therefore ordered that no member of this Society who hath let his chamber in manner aforesaid shall be permitted to renew the same unless he shall vacate any agreement he may (it is hoped inadvertently) have made with such broker to the satisfaction of the Bench in Pention And it is further ordered that in case any member of this Society shall hereafter let his chamber in manner above mentioned every such member shall never be permitted to renew his chamber nor from thence forth have any abatement made for castings into comons in respect of such chamber." This order to be screened.

An "iron rail and stone kirb" to be set up instead of the "boarded fence" which encloses the ground belonging to this Society adjoining the buildings in Gray's Inn Lane.

PENSION 20th Nov: 1772. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE and MAYHEW.

"Ordered that Mr. Baron Eyre's arms be put up in the great window of the Hall of this Society and that he be desired to give an impression of his coat of arms for that purpose."

"Ordered that any three or more of the Benchers be a committee to consider of the paving rate made on the Society by the parish officers and what may be proper to be done in relation thereto and to give such orders therein as they shall think fit either by application to Parliament or otherwise and that the said committee do likewise take into consideration the assessment made by ye said parish officers

on the Society to the Poors rate and the said committee are hereby authorised and impowered to give orders and instructions to the House Sollicitor or otherwise as they shall judge most fit and proper for the benefit and advantage of the Society in respect to the said Poors rate."

PENSION (adjourned) 2nd Dec: 1772. Present:—PRICE, BACON, etc.

Andrew Hudleston admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 28th Jan: 1773. Present:—PRICE, GRAY, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW and HUDLESTON.

William Paul called to the Bar.

"Ordered that an area be made next the buildings of the Society in Gray's Inn Lane and a brick wall erected to fix the stone kirb on for the iron rails pursuant to an order made for the same the 25th June 1772 and that it be referred to Mr. Wegg to give the severall workmen the necessary directions relating to their respective works."

PENSION 10th Feb: 1773. Present:—GRAY, MORLEY, ROOKES, PECHELL, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW and HUDLESTON.

George Crump called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the several present salaries of Barrell the under porter and scavinger amounting to £14 per ann: be increased as from Michaelmas last to £20 "in respect of his increase of duty about the new Pention Chamber etc."

"Ordered that Mr. Darwin the House Sollicitor do proceed by way of Replevin in the King's Bench on any distresses which may be made by the parish officers on any of the members or tenants in this Society in relation to the poor rate at the expenses of this Society and that Mr. Wallace Mr. Mansfield Mr. Dunning Mr. Lee and Mr. Chambre be forthwith retained by Mr. Darwin."[1]

[1] A case came before Lord Mansfield and a jury in 1774, and was decided in favour of the Society. In 1830, the parish having again endeavoured to levy a poor-rate on occupants of chambers in the Inn, the question was again tried in the King's Bench, and was decided in the same way.

Charles Swayne Booth Sharp to be Treasurer for the year ensuing.

PENSION 18th May, 1773. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, etc.

Jeremiah Robinson called to the Bar.

PENSION 24th June, 1773. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PICKERING, CLARKE, SHARP and HUDLESTON.

Called to the Bar:—[George] Samuel Wegg and Nicholas Ridley.

Edward Montagu, one of the Masters in Chancery, to be called to the Bench.

Whereas in digging connected with the erection of a curb and rails in Gray's Inn Lane it was found that the foundations of the buildings from No. 5 in Holborn Court to No. 9 in Coney Court were in a ruinous condition and they have had to be underpinned, and the cause of this appears to have been the "dripping eves" of the said buildings, "it is ordered that proper gutters with stacks of lead and wooden pipes be made and layed at the distance of about 60 feet for bringing down the water from the tops of the said buildings into Gray's Inn Lane" at the expense of the proprietors of the Chambers concerned.

PENSION 29th June, 1773. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, PICKERING, CLARKE, SHARP, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

Edward Montagu admitted to vote in Pension.

"Ordered that any two of the Bench have power to treat with any person or persons about lighting the lamps belonging to this Society, the person who at present lights them performing his busyness very bad though frequently complained of."

"Ordered that a new Griffin[1] be made for the Head Porter's staff."

[1] This is still in use.

Pension 19th Nov: 1773. Present:—Price, Wegg, Rookes, Clarke, Mayhew and Hudleston.

William Rookes elected Dean of the Chapel in place of Luke Robinson deceased.

A new feoffment to be made to all the resident Benchers of the Society.

Mr. Gryffydd Price and Mr. Samuel Pechell to be added to the trustees in the Bank Annuities trust.

Pension (adjourned) 6th Dec: 1773. Present:—Price, Rookes, Pickering, Pechell, Clarke, Hudleston and Montagu.

"Ordered that any three or more of the Bench be a committee to consider about the application to Parliament[1] in respect to obtaining an Act for exempting this Society from being liable to Parochial taxes by the Governors and Directors of the poor etc. of the parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn above Bars and Saint George the Martyr. And the said committee are hereby impowered to give such orders and directions as they shall judge proper from time to time."

Pension 7th Feb: 1774. Present:—Gray, Wegg, Rookes, Pickering, Clarke, Sharp, Mayhew, Hudleston and Montague.

Charles Wolfran Cornwall elected Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 17th Feb: 1774. Present:—Price, Rookes, Pechell, Pickering, Clarke, Sharp, Mayhew and Montagu.

"Ordered that William Mayhew Esqre be Treasurer of this Society for the year ensuing Mr. Cornwall having desired leave to decline the office on account of his not having time to attend the duty."

[1] A petition was presented in February, but in view of the decision meanwhile given in court (see the note on p. 318) no Act was passed.

Pension 12th May, 1774. Present:—Price, Gray, Ridley, Wegg, Rookes, Pechell, Pickering, Clarke, Cornwall, Mayhew, Hudleston and Montagu.

Thomas Morgan called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the Bench pews in the Chapell be lined with green and that it be referred to the Dean of the Chapell to have it done to his liking."

"Ordered that it be referred to the Dean of the Chapell and any two of the Benchers to order the staircase of the gallery at the East end of the Chapell to be covered with a curtain or in such other manner as they shall approve."

Pension 21st June, 1774. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Clarke, Sharp, Mayhew, Hudleston and Montagu.

John Lewis called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the footway leading through Field Court to No. 1 in the same Court be new paved with Purbeck squares."

"Ordered that the house occupied by Dr. Stebbing now in lease from the Society to Thomas Adams the Steward be repaired according to the estimate now delivered and that the remainder of the term be surrendered to the feoffees of the Society in Trust for the Society upon their paying annually to the said Mr. Adams the rent he now receives for the same being thirty-six pounds per annum."

Pension 8th Feb: 1775. Present:—Price, Gray, Rookes, Owen, Mayhew, Hudleston and Montagu.

Sir Thomas Tancred, Bart., Doctor of Laws in the University of Oxford, called to the Bar.

Andrew Hudleston elected Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 21st Feb: 1775. Present:—PRICE, GRAY, RIDLEY, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, CORNWALL, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

New gates to be set up at the entrance into the Walks from Gray's Inn Lane.

Mr. Thomas Duck's house (formerly Mr. Weldon's) next Gray's Inn Gate in Holborn to be bought at £700 for the Society.

PENSION 23rd May, 1775. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE, MAYHEW and HUDLESTON.

"Ordered that Mr. Dowson wait upon Mr. Darwin[1] to know what piece of plate he would choose of the value of thirty guineas as a present from the Society and that the inscription to be put thereon be considered when Mr. Darwin has fixed upon the plate."

PENSION 21st June, 1775. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, PICKERING, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

"Ordered that no sales or auctions be hereafter made in any of ye chambers in this Society and that this order be screened in the Hall."

PENSION 26th June, 1775. Present:—PRICE, PECHELL, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Edmund Swyny, Oliver Dixon and John Fisher, M.A.

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1775. Present:—PRICE, ROOKES, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

Notice to be given to all owners or occupiers of chambers that all bulks for dust, etc., on landings and all pipes for conveying water out of chambers are to be removed.

"Ordered that the Treasurer of this Society do imediately pay

[1] Darwin was the Society's solicitor and Dowson its silversmith.

into the hands of Mr. Child and Co. one hundred guineas to be applied by them to the subscription now on foot for relief of the soldiers and the widows and children of such as have suffered or may suffer in the service of their country in suppressing ye Rebellion now existing in his Majestie's colonies in North America."[1]

PENSION 31st Jan: 1776. Present:—PRICE, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

The Steward may offer £700, or advance to £800, for the purchase of Abington's Coffee House.

PENSION 7th Feb: 1776. Present:—The above and others.

Edward Montagu elected Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 19th Feb: 1776. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, ALLEN and GRIGBY.

Thomas Allen and John Grigby admitted to vote in Pension.

£1,000 of the Bank Annuities to be sold out for the payment of workmen's bills.

"Ordered that the Steward write to Mr. Smith and acquaint him that the Society will give no more than £800 for the purchase of Abington's Coffee House and that in case he does not think proper to accept of that price that he take notice that the Society intend to pull down the adjoyning house on the west side thereof according to the directions of the late Act of Parliament."

PENSION 13th May, 1776. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

The following to be called to the Bench:—

Sherwin John	called to the Bar		29th May, 1752.
Bumpsted William	,,	,,	13th June, 1755.
Harris John	,,	,,	2nd July, 1759.
Scot Michael	,,	,,	16th May, 1760.

[1] See p. 326.

PENSION 14th June, 1776. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON and MONTAGU.

£1,000 Bank annuities to be sold; part thereof to be used to pay for the purchase of Abington's Coffee House.

PENSION 20th June, 1776. Present:—PICKERING, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, ALLEN, SHERWIN and BUMPSTED.

John Sherwin and William Bumpsted admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 26th June, 1776. Present:—PRICE, and the above.

Michael Scott admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 18th Nov: 1776. Present:—ROOKES, BACON, PICKERING, OWEN, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGUE and BUMSTED.

Thomas Warner called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the old house in Gray's Inn Lane opposite Fox Court belonging to this Society be pulled down and the materials disposed of for the benefit of this Society."

PENSION 10th Dec: 1776. Present:—WEGG, PICKERING, CLARKE, HUDLESTON, MONTAGUE and BUMPSTED.

John Graham and Joseph Gribble appointed surveyors for this Society to view the timber partitions between the east side of the Chamber over Holborn Gateway and the house next adjoining (Weldon's) which is to be pulled down and rebuilt. They are to meet surveyors representing the holders of chambers over the gate and consider whether walls should not be substituted for the partitions.

Hague the porter to be discharged, the Steward paying him what he paid for his badge. In future the porters' badges are to be paid for by the Society and the Steward is to pay the existing

porters for theirs. Each porter is to give a note that the badge shall be returned on his death or removal.

"Ordered that three guineas be given amongst the engine keepers and assistants at the late fire in Gray's Inn Lane."

PENSION 6th Feb: 1777. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, PICKERING, OWEN, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU and BUMPSTED.

A committee appointed to treat in relation to building "the new intended Coffee House in Holborn."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1777. Present:—ROOKES, BACON, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED and SCOTT.

Warcop Consett called to the Bar.

From and after Lady day next a lamp is to be lighted on each landing in the several staircases near the doors of the chambers. The expense to be borne by the holders of the chambers.

"Ordered that from and after Lady day next the Chapel bell begin to ring for Divine service every Sunday and fast-day in the afternoon at half past two o'clock and that the service begin a quarter before three and that notice of this order be fixed on the doors of the Chapel."

"It being found inconvenient to dine in the Hall in term time at two o'clock on Sundays Ordered that for the future dinner be served up in the Hall of this Society on Sundays and Fast days exactly at four o'clock and that this order be screened in the Hall."

Insurances of the Society's buildings to be made in future in the Sun Fire Office instead of the Hand in Hand.

Thomas Allen elected Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 26th Feb: 1777. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGUE, ALLEN, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED and SCOTT.

A committee appointed to inquire into the Society's finances and the mode of granting Chambers in this, and the other, Inns of Court.

Mr. Hallett's three houses in the court in Gray's Inn Lane, near to No. 4 Holborn Court, to be purchased.

"The Bench having in Pension unanimously directed one hundred guineas towards the relief of the troops at Boston employed in suppressing the American Rebellion some Barristers and others members of the Society on the Grand Day at Michaelmas term 1775 requested they might have liberty to continue in the Hall after the Benchers had retired. Leave being given the gentlemen of the Bar mess attended at the next Pension with a request to inspect the Society's books which was unanimously denied. On the Grand Day of Hilary term following permission was again asked and allowed to remain in the Hall when several resolutions were formed denying the authority of the Benchers as to their unlimited application of the Society's money and requesting 'that such resolutions might be entred in the books of the Society as a protest against the authority executed by them in making the late donation and in order to prevent any improper use of the precedent in future.' Which resolutions having been delivered by the Bar mess and duly considered in Pension they were desired to attend and received an answer to the following effect:—'That in a full Pension conveyned for that purpose the Bench had taken into most serious and dispassionate consideration their several resolutions and were unanimously of opinion founded on the clearest authorities recorded in their books that the government of this Society solely resided in the Bench and therefore they had resolved not to comply with their requisitions.' The paper containing their resolutions was then returned."

The "two houses next Gray's Inn Gate in Holborn on the East side late Weldon's and Abingdon's Coffee House" to be pulled down and "a new messuage intended for a Coffee House" to be erected according to the plans of Messrs. Gorham and Gribble.

PENSION 30th April, 1777. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGUE and BUMPSTED.

The agreement made by Mr. Gorham for the purchase of the two houses in George Yard to be carried into execution.

£2,000 Bank Annuities to be sold out to carry on "the new

building where Abingdon's Coffee House lately stood" and purchase the houses in Gray's Inn Lane and George Yard agreed for by Mr. Gorham.

PENSION 6th May, 1777. Present:—CLARKE, OWEN, etc.

Henry Collingwood Selby called to the Bar.

PENSION 12th June, 1777. Present:—WEGG, BACON, PICKERING, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGUE, ALLEN and BUMPSTED.

"Ordered that after the end of this present term no petition be received for renewing chambers after the term therein is run to five years."

PENSION 10th Nov: 1777. Present:—PRICE, PICKERING, etc.

Higgins Peyton called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 8th Dec: 1777. Present:—BACON, PECHELL, PICKERING, CLARKE, ALLEN and BUMPSTED.

"Ordered upon the memorial of James Shannon Esq. a member of this Society this day read and considered in Pension for the reasons therein contained and on payment of all arrears of duties to this Society from the time of his taking his certificate from this Society for his being called to the Bar in Ireland that he be permitted to continue four terms more in commons to make up twelve terms in order to compleat his qualification as a Barrister to plead in Jamaica where (as he alledges) he intends to fix his residence."

PENSION 4th Feb: 1778. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, ALLEN and BUMPSTED.

A passage to be made for the convenience of members at the south end of the wall adjoining the Holborn gateway into the new intended Coffee House (late Abingdon's). But a door is to be made to it which is to be shut at 11 p.m. each night.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1778. Present:—ROOKES, CLARKE, etc.

Samuel Steele called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 19th Feb: 1778. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, PICKERING, CLARKE, OWEN, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGUE, ALLEN and BUMPSTED.

Joshua Grigby elected Treasurer.

Phillip Williams, late Master of Abington's Coffee House, may have the newly erected Coffee House on the old site for three years at an annual rent of £120, observing the orders of Pension as to the entry into the Coffee House from Gray's Inn.

PENSION 1st June, 1778. Present:—PICKERING, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU and BUMPSTED.

"Resolved that it is the opinion of this Pension that the order of the 4th May 1769 rescinding the order of the 22nd Feby 1737 ought to be rescinded."

"Ordered that the Steward lay before the next Pension the names of the Benchers holding Bench Chambers who have attended the several Pensions for the last two years."

"Mr. Masterman having in a writing signed by him bearing date the 21st day of May last declared that the lease of the Dutchy Office in this Society granted to him in trust for the Crown is (by virtue of directions to him given for that purpose by the Dutchy Court on the 13th day of the same May) to be given up to the Society to be cancelled when and so soon as the new Dutchy Office directed by an Act of Parliament to be erected in Somerset Yard in the Strand[1] should be completed and the records removed thither It is ordered that the said Mr. Masterman shall have the chamber one story high[2] adjoining to the Chapel and over part of the said Dutchy Office for the better accomodation of the Dutchy

[1] Old Somerset House had been pulled down, and the new building begun, in 1776.

[2] Now the north library.

officers at the yearly rent of ten pounds on condition of his surrendering the said lease and delivering up the possession of the said office and chamber agreeable to the terms conditions and agreements in the above mentioned writing expressed."

PENSION 7th July, 1778. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, PICKERING, CLARKE, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, ALLEN and SHERWIN.

"Whereas the discharging of fire arms from the windows in the courts and gardens of this Society may be attended with dangerous consequences and must always disturb and alarm its members It is ordered that in future no member of the Society or inhabitant of any chamber thereto belonging discharge from or in any of the places aforesaid any gun pistol or fire arms whatever and that this order be screened in the Hall."

PENSION 3rd Feb: 1779.[1] Present:—ROOKES, BACON, PICKERING, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED and SCOTT.

The lease of the new Coffee House to be executed by the surviving feoffees of the Society and Phillip Williams to execute a counterpart.

A new feoffment to be made by the surviving feoffees to new feoffees, Benchers of the Society.

PENSION (adjourned) 18th Feb: 1779. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, BACON, PICKERING, PECHELL, OWEN, SHARP, HUDLESTON and SHERWIN.

John Sherwin elected Treasurer.

Benjamin Armitage appointed gardener at a salary of £50 a year.

[1] Pensions were held in November, but no business of interest was done.

PENSION 5th May, 1779. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, BACON, PECHELL, PICKERING, HUDLESTON, ALLEN and BUMPSTED.

The executors of the Rev. Dr. John Myonnet, late a member of this Society, may assign their interest in his chamber one story high No. 6 in Coney Court to Samuel Romilly, gentleman, a member of the said Society.[1]

Mr. James Shannon having petitioned to be called to the Bar, it is ordered that a certificate be given him of his "having been a member of this Society five years and upwards and of his having kept thirteen terms commons and paid all dues of the House, in pursuance of his former memorial dated 21st Nov: 1777 and presented to the Bench the 8th December following and an order thereupon made."

PENSION 12th May, 1779. Present:—WEGG, PICKERING, etc.

Timothy Cunningham called to the Bar.

PENSION 16th June, 1779. Present:—PRICE, BACON, PECHELL, PICKERING, OWEN, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, ALLEN and SHERWIN.

"A message by the Under Treasurer of the Inner Temple desiring to know the opinion of the Benchers of the other Law Societies Whether a person in priest's orders is proper to be called to the Bar" [was received].

"By the 76th canon made in 1603 no man being admitted a Deacon or Minister shall from thenceforth voluntarily relinquish the same nor afterwards use himself in the course of his life as a layman upon pain of excommunication.

"The Benchers of this Society are unanimously of opinion that such person is not proper to be called to the Bar."

[1] Samuel Romilly, youngest son of Peter Romilly, jeweller, was admitted to the Society on the same date. In a letter of 12th December, 1780, he speaks of his chambers: "The moment the sun peeps out I am in the country. A cold country it is, for having only one row of houses between me and Hampstead and Highgate a north-west wind (sharp as your piercing *bise*) blows full against my chambers."

Dr. Stebbing's house to be painted and "the new house-tax" upon it to be paid by the Society "as the window tax and water are now paid."

PENSION (adjourned) 7th July, 1779. Present:—OWEN, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, ALLEN, SHERWIN and BUMPSTED.

"Ordered that the Head Porter of this Society do attend at every Pension in his gown with his staff both in and out of term at the foot of the stairs of the Pension Chamber.

A committee to treat about the erection of "a boghouse in the garden for the Benchers of this Society."

Bills amounting to about £1,509 in connection with the building of the new Coffee House to be paid.

PENSION 26th Jan: 1780.[1] Present:—PRICE, WEGG, etc.

William Cockell called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 16th Feb: 1780. Present:—ROOKES, PECHELL, PICKERING, OWEN, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, SHERWIN and BUMPSTED.

William Bumpsted elected Treasurer.

PENSION 3rd May, 1780. Present:—WEGG, BACON, PICKERING, SHARP, HUDLESTON and BUMPSTED.

A committee "appointed to consider of the Militia Laws" and report.

PENSION 7th June, 1780.[2] Present:—WEGG, PICKERING, etc.

Edward King called to the Bar.

[1] A Pension was held in November, 1779, but no business of interest was done.

[2] On the evening of this day London was in the hands of the Lord George Gordon rioters; Lord Mansfield's house in Bloomsbury Square had been wrecked, and,

PENSION 24th Jan: 1781.[1] Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, PECHELL, OWEN, MONTAGU and BUMPSTED.

The following to be called to the Bench:

Western Maximilian	called to the Bar			26th Nov: 1760.
Burton Langhorne	,,	,,	,,	12th May, 1763.
Burton Robert	,,	,,	,,	25th Nov: ,,
Pocklington Roger	,,	,,	,,	,, ,,
Russell Metcalfe	,,	,,	,,	5th July, 1764.
Liddell Joshua	,,	,,	,,	28th May, 1767.
Chambre Alan	,,	,,	,,	,, ,,

PENSION 31st Jan., 1781. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, PICKERING, OWEN, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, R. BURTON, RUSSELL and CHAMBRE.

Robert Burton, Metcalfe Russell and Alan Chambre[2] admitted to vote in Pension.

as Samuel Romilly tells us in his "Memoirs," "the Inns of Court were marked out as objects for destruction, and Gray's Inn, in which many Catholics resided, was particularly obnoxious." The pension, however, calmly went on with its business. At the same time precautions were taken. Barristers and students armed themselves and guarded the gates, and extra watchmen were employed. See accounts for 1780 in Appendix I.

[1] A pension was held in November, 1780, but no business of interest was done.

[2] Alan Chambre was made a Baron of the Exchequer in 1799, and the appointment was the occasion of a special Act of Parliament. Premising it to be expedient that those chosen to be Barons of the Exchequer should be of the degree of Serjeants, and that this degree could not be taken in vacation, it provided that for the filling of the present vacancy, though Trinity term was just over, the degree should be taken at once. Another Act, passed in the same month, gave a general power of making barristers Serjeants in vacation-time, when the purpose was their appointment to the judicial bench. There was a very old custom that none should be a Judge of the King's Bench, or Common Pleas, unless he had been previously made a Serjeant; but the case of Barons of the Exchequer seems to have been regarded differently. See Coke's remarks in Preface to 10th Report and *cf.* the cases of Clement Spelman and Francis Maseres who remained Benchers respectively of Gray's Inn and the Inner Temple—a thing impossible for Serjeants—long after they were Barons. In 1800 Chambre was transferred to the Common Pleas.

Pension 7th Feb: 1781. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Bacon, Pickering, Owen, Sharp, Hudleston, Montagu, Sherwin, Bumpsted and Burton.

Mickleham Atkinson appointed Librarian in the room of Richard Shillito deceased.

Robert Burton appointed Treasurer.

Pension 23rd May, 1781. Present:—Price, Rookes, Bacon, Owen, Sharp, Hudleston, Burton, Russell and Chambre.

William Masterman called to the Bar.

"Ordered that Richard Stacey puisne butler of this Society do attend at the office at the Library and elsewhere as assistant to Mr. Adams the Steward thereof whose present indisposition renders him incapable of doing his duty, and that the said Richard Stacey shall be paid for his trouble for such attendance by the Society."

Pension 25th June, 1781. Present:—Price, Sharp, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Burton, Russell and Chambre.

"Ordered that a pipe of port wine be laid in before the next term and the Treasurer and Mr. Bumpsted are requested to purchase the same."

"Ordered that Mr. Adams do deliver the books belonging to this Society to R. Stacey to make out the bills and collect in the money."

Pension (adjourned) 19th July, 1781. Present:—Price, Wegg, Hudleston, Bumpsted, Burton and Chambre.

"Ordered that the Benchers do meet in committee during this vacation in the Pension Chamber to enquire into the general state of the affairs of the Society and that two be a quorum." They are empowered to examine the Steward's receipts, direct payment of bills and dispose of chambers.

PENSION 7th Nov: 1781. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, BUMPSTED, BURTON and CHAMBRE.

The minutes of the committee meetings held during the long vacation showed that on Aug: 3 Mr. Adams,[1] the Steward, died and that two Benchers obtained from his executor the books of the Society; that, a female child about a month old having been found deserted on a landing at No. 1 Field Court, an advertisement was inserted in the *Daily Advertiser* offering a reward for the discovery of the person who left it there; that bills to the amount of £401 14*s.* 6*d.* were paid; and that a stove had been ordered to be fixed "in the Steward's Office at the Library" in place of one worn out.

These minutes were confirmed.

PENSION 14th Nov: 1781. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, OWEN, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, BURTON, RUSSELL and CHAMBRE.

Richard Stacey, puisne butler, is appointed Steward and chief butler.

"Ordered that the Librarian have a gown and do always attend in the same at the Bench table at dinner."

PENSION 20th Nov: 1781. Present:—PRICE, WEGG, ROOKES, OWEN, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, BURTON, RUSSELL and CHAMBRE.

John Hales appointed puisne butler.

The minutes of all future committees to be entered in the Order book "and at the next respective Pension such minutes to be the first matter to be taken into consideration."

"Ordered that the words LIBRARY AND STEWARD'S OFFICE be painted upon the inward and outward door."

COMMITTEE 4TH DEC: 1781. "Ordered that a new office seal be bought with the arms of the Society in the room of the old one which is lost and is worn out," that

[1] Adams had been in the service of the Society since 1735.

Messrs. Stainforth and Giborne (wine merchants) be paid in full and that some old hock and sherry be ordered and that Armitage the gardener, now in prison for debt, be dismissed.

COMMITTEE 7TH DEC: 1781. "Ordered that the plate and linen be brought up into the room next the Pension chamber and kept there for the future," and that the sewer be inspected.

PENSION (adjourned) 13th Dec: 1781. Present:—WEGG, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, BURTON and CHAMBRE.

Skillern, the cook, having died, the office was declared vacant.

It was found that £408 4*s.* 5*d.* was due to the Society from the late Steward. His executor to be invited to meet a Committee of the Bench.

COMMITTEE, 17TH DEC: 1781. The committee examined an account of the debt of the late Steward with his executor who was satisfied therewith and paid the balance.

COMMITTEE 25TH JAN: 1782. The committee report on "the state of the Society" that it has been customary for the Steward "to provide what is called an House dish every Sunday and Wednesday during term for the Bench, butter for meat, and the House allowance of commons such as greens, potatoes, etc., that he is also allowed by the Society £4 each term for providing mutton for broth during term." He also provides meat and all things necessary for commons, except what the cook provides; each member, not a Bencher, pays 9*s.* a week for his commons, and the House allows the butler 6*s.* a mess each week. He is also paid 1*s.* 6*d.* a day for each repaster and allowed 2½*d.* for each of them by the House. The House finds the garden stuff and other vegetables used in the Hall on Saturdays and Mondays in each term and the cook finds them other days, each mess paying him every day what is demanded for them. The cook also finds the exceedings for the Bench on Tuesdays and Thursdays in term and all the vegetables and garden stuff used on those days. Davies, second butler, has the privilege of selling the wine in the Hall and charges 2*s.* 4*d.* a bottle for it though he accounts to the Society only for the prime cost of it, which is 1*s.* 10*d.* The salary, etc. of the Steward and chief butler is:—

	£	s.	d.
Salary, increased 1761 to	84	0	0
Board wages	15	13	0
His chamber worth	16	0	0
Average profits on commons . . .	80	0	0
Allowed for collecting land tax . . .	3	3	0
	198	16	0

He is also entitled to 3*s.* 4*d.* on each admission, 13*s.* 4*d.* on each call to the Bar, 2*s.* 6*d.* on each assignment of a chamber and 2*s.* 6*d.* on each admission into commons.

The "Steward's man and second butler" has

	£	s.	d.
Salary	20	0	0
Board wages in vacations	6	10	10
What is called "roll money," averaging .	20	0	0
Profit of 6*d.* per bottle on wine at Bar and students' tables	7	10	0
Sale of the broken meat of the Hall about .	8	0	0
	62	0	10

He is also entitled to 2*s.* 6*d.* on each renewal of a chamber.

The puisne butler has allowances and perquisites amounting to £42 a year, but no fixed salary.

The third butler and Chapel Clerk has for his salary as Chapel Clerk £2 8*s.* 8*d.*, roll money about £20, commons and board wages of £6 10*s.* 10*d.*, with some small perquisites for "opening the pews on the north side of the altar and of the students." He thinks his place worth, yearly, £40. The committee find that his duties have increased of late, for "his predecessor used only to attend the Chaple Sundays and Holy days morning and evening service and upon Wednesdays and Fridays in the morning only; whereas the present officer attends the Chapel twice every day."

The Head Porter receives a salary of £20. He has the rent—2*s.* 6*d.* a week—of a shop under Holborn Gateway, commons in term, 1*s.* per chaldron on all coals brought into the Inn and "donations at Christmas." He thinks his place worth about £30 per annum.

The scavenger has a salary of £20, commons during term and gifts averaging £5 10*s.* for opening pews in the lower part of the Chapel.

The cook has a salary of £30, commons in term and board wages of £6 10*s.* 0*d.*

The Librarian has a salary of £30.

Pension 1st Feb: 1782. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Price, Sharp, Hudleston, Bumpsted, Burton, Russell and Chambre.

John Dignan appointed Cook. The salary of the office to be in future £50 a year and a house, without any board-wages or perquisites, and he is not to let the house.

A committee to report upon alterations required in the kitchen.

Pension 5th Feb: 1782. Present:—Rookes, Price, Sharp, Hudleston, Burton and Russell.

Metcalfe Russell elected Treasurer.

PENSION 9th Feb: 1782. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Jeremiah Church, John Matthew Grimwood and Anthony Aufrere.

PENSION 12th Feb: 1782. Present:—ROOKES, PRICE, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED and BURTON.

"Ordered that John Hales the puisne butler do attend every evening at the Pension Chamber in term time, and that he do prepare the table for the gentlemen to adjourn from the Hall."

"Ordered that the Steward do pay the Servants' tax for the year 1779 and that he do collect the same as soon as possible."

PENSION 3rd May, 1782. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, BURTON and RUSSELL.

The minutes of committees held during the vacation showed that Hall, the porter, was dismissed for being concerned with others in stealing wine from Mr. Lloyd's chambers, 9, Coney Court; that Pickett was ordered to "clean out the Musick Gallery and bring the paintings into the Hall" and that Commissioners and collectors were duly sworn for House, Window, and Land taxes. The committee recommend the appointment of a Surveyor to the Society, and the execution of a lease to Mr. Williams of the Gray's Inn Coffee House [formerly Abingdon's] for three years at £150 a year. They requested Mr. Burton "to view the pictures in the Gallery and about white-washing the screen and the cellars and to give directions accordingly."

"Ordered that a Surveyor to this Society be appointed."

The gardener's place declared vacant.

"Ordered that dinner for the Hall be served up for the future every day at four o'clock precisely," and that it consist on "the Mondays in Easter term" of "necks of mutton boiled and pigeons roasted."

The minutes of the committees during February, March, and April were confirmed.

Joseph Chartress appointed gardener at £50 a year.

The Steward is to "get an account of what the commons are each day at the other Societies and what the person who farms the commons is paid per mess."

PENSION 13th May, 1782. Present:—PRICE, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BURTON, RUSSELL and CHAMBRE.

"Ordered that the dinner for the Hall be served up as soon as the clock strikes four and that at a quarter past four the outer doors be shut and no member be admitted to dine after that time."

The Bench Chambers (2 Holborn Court) of Mr. John Fenton Clarke are declared vacant owing to his having omitted to attend as a Bencher according to the order of 10th June, 1740, and the chambers are granted to Edward Montagu, Esq.

PENSION 11th June, 1782. Present:—WEGG, MAYHEW, etc.

William Lambe called to the Bar.

COMMITTEE 18TH JULY, 1782. The porters Hawksworth, Smith and Eades suspended for neglect of duty in not capturing two suspicious characters when called upon to do so.

COMMITTEE 25TH JULY, 1782. Recommended that "an account be opened with Messrs. Hoare, Bankers in Fleet Street, with whom all the Societies cash that shall in future be received by the Steward shall be deposited subject to the drafts of the Steward to be countersigned by any two of the Benchers that shall happen to be in London."

PENSION 13th Nov: 1782. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, PRICE, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, RUSSELL and CHAMBRE.

"Ordered that Grand Day be kept on Wednesday next the 20th instant."

PENSION 5th Feb: 1783. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, OWEN, SHARP, MAYHEW, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, BURTON and RUSSELL.

"Ordered that next term, after notice given by the hammer by the direction of the Benchers and grace said at the Bench table, every member may quit the Hall."

Pension 10th Feb: 1783. Present:—Rookes, Price, Owen, Sharp, Hudleston, Sherwin, Burton and Russell.

Ralph Clayton called to the Bar.
Alan Chambre appointed Treasurer.

Pension 13th May, 1783. Present:—Rookes, Sharp, etc.

William Fitzgerald called to the Bar.

Pension 23rd May, 1783. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Price, Sharp, Hudleston, Russell and Chambre.

"Upon taking into consideration two orders of Council from Lincoln's Inn on the 7th and 14th instant desiring a Conference with a committee of Benchers from Gray's Inn Ordered that Mr. Treasurer Mr. Price and Mr. Wegg be appointed a committee to confer with the committees of the other Inns of Court on the matters communicated by the above orders from Lincoln's Inn at such time and place as that Society shall please to appoint."

Pension 2nd June, 1783. Present:—Rookes, Price, etc.

Samuel Romilly called to the Bar.

Pension 16th June, 1783. Present:—Price, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Burton and Chambre.

"Ordered that in term time the Hall doors be locked exactly at six in the afternoon except on Grand Days and on those days at half past six."

Pension 26th Nov: 1783. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted and Chambre.

"Ordered that Stacey the Steward do consider and make a proposal at the next Pension about the Hawker's office for himself and family to reside in."

Pension 4th Feb: 1784. Present:—Wegg, Sharp, Bumpsted, Burton, Russell and Chambre.

"Ordered that upon any future grant or order for a term in any set of chambers belonging to the Society, and upon every assignment of any term, a bond shall be taken from the person in whose favour such grant, order or assignment shall be made with such surety or sureties and in such penalties as the Bench shall think fit for securing the payment of commons, vacations, pensions, dues and duties in respect of such chambers and for observing the orders of Pension, unless the Bench on inspection of the then subsisting security shall be of opinion that the same is sufficient."

The MSS. of the lectures read by the late Danby Pickering in Gray's Inn Hall are to be sent to his nephew the Rev. Henry Poole "who lives near Uckfield in Essex."

Pension 9th Feb: 1784. Present:—Wegg, Price, etc.

Henry Stebbing called to the Bar.

Pension 11th Feb: 1784. Present:—Wegg, Sharp, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Russell and Chambre.

George Brookes called to the Bar.

Samuel Wegg appointed Treasurer.

Pension 27th Feb: 1784. Present:—Wegg, Hudleston, Bumpsted, Burton, Montagu, Russell and Chambre.

"Ordered that in future the House tax assessed on every set of Chambers shall be charged in every bill to be made out for dues in the same manner as the Land tax and Window tax."

A committee authorised to receive surrender of the coffee house occupied by Mr. Williams and to relet the same.

Pension 24th May, 1784. Present:—Rookes, Hudleston, Sharp, Bumpsted, Russell and Chambre.

The office of Librarian having been declared vacant owing to the neglect of Mickleham Atkinson the Librarian, it is now ordered that Henry Davies be appointed Librarian.

A committee appointed to inquire into the general state of the affairs of the Society and report next term.

Pension 29th June, 1784. Present:—Wegg, Hudleston, etc.

William Wylly called to the Bar.

"By the late heavy rains the kitchen and cellars adjoining having been filled with a great quantity of water by reason of the drains either partly filled up or too small to carry off the same It is ordered that Mr. Gorham do inspect the same and if it shall be found necessary that an application be made to the Commissioners of Sewers for redress."

Pension (adjourned) 9th July, 1784. Present:—Wegg, Hudleston, Montagu, Sherwin, Bumpsted and Chambre.

"Richard Stacey the Steward having been very inattentive to the business of the Society so that the same is in a very confused state It is ordered that he be suspended and that John Hales the puisne butler do officiate as Steward till further order and that he demand of Stacey all keys books and papers belonging to the Society."

Pension (adjourned) 22nd July, 1784. Present:—Wegg, Price, Hudleston, Sherwin, Bumpsted, Burton and Chambre.

"The chambers up one pair of stairs over the gateway Holborn Court some time since occupied by Mr. Kendall being locked up and no person now living there It is ordered that the doors of the said chambers be opened and an inventory taken of the furniture therein and that the furniture be removed to the Gallery in the Hall

and that the Head Porter be permitted to reside in the said chambers till further order."

The Head Porter is to attend at Holborn Gate and the under porter at the Gate to Gray's Inn Lane from dusk till 9 p.m. when the watch is to be set; the watchmen are to "enter into each staircase every hour and then with a loud voice cry the hour of the night and the weather"; a book to be kept at the lodge in Holborn Gate in which the Head Porter is to enter the names of the watchmen and the times they come on, and go off, duty, and he is to deliver to them their lanthorns and candles for the night.

On grants, assignments and renewals of chambers, a bond to be given for one fourth of the value of the chamber.

"Ordered that John Hales apply to Richard Stacey for the rough copies or memorandums of the names and descriptions of the several gentlemen whom he admitted and the time when they were admitted and for payment of the money received by him for their admissions and also for the payment of the sums received by him of the gentlemen lately called to the Bar."

The turrets over the Hall and Chapel to be repaired.

Pension 10th Nov: 1784. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Burton and Chambre.

£74 14*s.* 2*d.*, being the amount assessed on the Inn for window tax, to be paid.

£39 8*s.* 6*d.*, being the amount of the tax for paving lighting and cleansing due to the Committee of the parishes of St. Andrew Holborn and St. George the Martyr, to be paid.

Richard Stacey, having been suspended on the 9th July last, is now discharged from the office of Steward.

Pension 19th Nov: 1784. Present:—Wegg, Price, Rookes, Hudleston, Mayhew, Montagu, Bumpsted, Burton and Chambre.

John Hales, puisne butler, appointed Steward and chief butler.

The chambers over Holborn Gateway formerly granted to Mr. H. P. Nicholls for a term which expired Christmas 1781,

having been padlocked up for arrears of duties in 1777, were entered in September last and an inventory taken of the furniture, linen, wearing apparel, books and plate found therein. It is referred to Mr. Wegg and Mr. Bumpsted to take steps to find out the owner of these goods.

PENSION 25th Nov: 1784. Present:—WEGG, ROOKES, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, BURTON and CHAMBRE.

Thomas Quin appointed puisne butler.

There being reason to believe that "the Rev^d Mr. Kendall of Peter House College Cambridge"[1] was the last occupier of the chamber over Holborn Gateway, the following letter is ordered to be sent him.

"Gray's Inn, 29 Nov: 1784.

"SIR,

"A set of chambers one pair of stairs over Holborn Gate—way in Gray's Inn which were granted to one Mr. Harry Philips Nicholls for a term of years which expired at Christmas 1781 having been shut up and no occupier appearing for some years past, the Benchers of the Society lately made an order that the Deputy Steward with other proper persons, officers of the House, should enter into the said chambers and take possession thereof for the use of the Society. Upon their entry a considerable quantity of furniture, linen, wearing apparel, books and some plate to their great surprise were found therein of which an inventory was immediately taken. Some papers likewise have been found there addressed to the Rev^d Mr. Kendall at Peter House College, Cambridge. I am in consequence directed by the Benchers to trouble you with this to inform you of the above circumstances, and that in case you claim any interest in the above mentioned effects the same upon your ascer-

[1] Dr. Walker tells me that this was, no doubt, Richard Kendall (1733-1796) who was made a Fellow of Peterhouse in 1759. He was the author of an impromptu epigram, which deserved to survive, on the rival tragedians of his day:

"The town have found out different ways
To praise their different Lears.
To Barry they give loud huzzas:
To Garrick only tears."

taining your right to them and paying the rent and duties due to the Society for the said chambers will be delivered up to you.

"I am, Sir, your most humble servant
(signed) "JOHN HALES (Steward).

"To the REV: MR. KENDALL,
"Peter House College, Cambridge."

PENSION 28th Jan., 1785. Present:—WEGG, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, BURTON, RUSSELL and CHAMBRE.

On reading a letter from Mr. Kendall of Peterhouse it is ordered that Mr. Kendall on payment of £25 and expenses shall have his furniture and other things delivered to him and the said sum of £25 shall be in full of all rent due from him to the Society for the Chambers from Christmas Day 1781 at which time the term granted to Mr. Harry Phillips Nicholls expired.

"A member of this Society having filed a bill in Chancery against the Benchers the subject matter of which appears to be of general concern to all the Inns of Court and to affect the authority of the Bench in matters of regulation and government, It is ordered that a conference be desired with the Benchers of the other Inns of Court and that the Treasurer, Mr. Price, Mr. Bumpsted and Mr. Chambre or any two of them be a committee of this Society to meet, and confer with, such committees of the said other Societies as the Benchers of those shall please to appoint And that a copy of this order be sent to each of the said Societies."

The Bench as Commissioners of house tax for Barnard's Inn order immediate payment by Mr. Robert Bolger, late of Barnard's, but now of Gray's, Inn, of 12*s.* 6¼*d.* due from him to the collector.

Occupants of House chambers to be charged in future with the house and window taxes from the time of their payments.

"Ordered that a person be employed to catch the rats in the kitchen and cellar under the hall."

PENSION (adjourned) 16th Feb: 1785. Present:—WEGG, SHARP, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED and CHAMBRE.

"The Bench having received messages from the Societies of the Inner Temple the Middle Temple and Lincolns Inn informing them

that the Hoñble Daines Barrington, Treasurer, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Bearcroft and Mr. Salt, Benchers of the Inner Temple, or any two of them, Mr. Cust, Treasurer, Mr. Morris, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Graves, Benchers of the Middle Temple, or any two of them, and Mr. Ray, Treasurer, Mr. Dod, Mr. Burton and Mr. Thomson, Benchers of Lincoln's Inn, or any two of them, have been appointed committees of the said respective Societies to confer with the committee of this Society appointed by the order of Pension for that purpose made the 28th day of January 1785, It is ordered that the Steward do send notices to the said respective committees of the said other Societies requesting them to meet the committee of this Society for the purpose of the said conference at the Crown and Rolls Tavern in Chancery Lane on Saturday the 26th instant at 7 o'clock in the evening."

Pension 20th April, 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Sharp, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Burton and Chambre.

"Mr. Thomas Greet having presented a certificate signed by the Treasurer of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple that he some years past was admitted a member of that Society and had kept several terms and that about two years past he had his name withdrawn from that Society and his bond for the payment of dues delivered up to him, And he now desiring to become a member of this Society, if he could be admitted so as to keep his standing by being allowed those terms he had kept at the Middle Temple, It is ordered that the request of the said Thomas Greet be rejected, as it appears by his certificate that he is not now a member of either of the four Inns of Court."

Pension 22nd April, 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Sharp, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted and Chambre.

William Rookes elected Treasurer.

Charles Downes, a Master of Arts of "Brasen Nose College Oxford," called to the Bar.

The following to be called to the Bench:—Samuel Tooker, Aston Harris, Fletcher Rigge, Thomas Chapman and John Lloyd.

Pension 4th May, 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Sharp, Hudleston, Bumpsted and Chambre.

Thomas Chapman and John Lloyd, senior, admitted to votes in Pension.

The balance of cash at Messrs. Child's to be transferred into the names of Mr. Rookes, Mr. Wegg and Mr. Bumpsted and any two of them are to have power to draw upon it in favour of the Steward.

The term of Samuel Romilly in his chamber "one pair left at No. 6 Coney Court" is renewed.

Pension 11th June, 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Mayhew, Hudleston, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

The petition of Roger Pocklington for renewal of his chamber is rejected on the ground that he has refused his call to the Bench.[1]

"Ordered unanimously that no wine belonging to this Society shall in future be delivered to any Bencher or member of the House whatever for his private use."

Pension 27th June, 1785. Present:—Wegg, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Burton, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

The coffee house together with the chambers over Holborn Gateway to be granted on lease for 5 years to Jonathan Lowe at £200 a year rent.

Mr. Walker is to keep his dog out of the gardens.

Pension 23rd Nov: 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

"On the petition presented by Edward Morse a Student of this Society (reciting that he was admitted a member of this Society in the month of May 1759 and that since that time having kept six terms' commons and about the year 1772 was appointed Chief

[1] The rejection had the desired effect. See p. 348.

Justice of his Majesties province of Senegambia in which office he continued till the year 1778 and that he has not practised as an attorney since such appointment except in three or four cases wherein he was personally concerned and not in any other instance within the two years last past) and praying that the keeping of such remainder of the terms that would intitle him to be called to the Bar might be dispensed with as he was under the immediate necessity of going to Jamaica on a matter of Law, and that he might be called to the Bar as soon as the accustomed terms could be complied with, It is ordered that the Steward do inform Mr. Morse that his petition cannot be complied with, the claim being inconsistent with the rules established by all the Societies, and assented to by this Society at a Pension held on the 30th day of June, 1762, which Mr. Morse is at liberty to peruse."

Pension 28th Nov: 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

"Ordered that the continuation of the *Journals of the House of Commons* and the other books lately given by Government be bound in the same manner as the *Journals of the House of Commons* now in the Library are bound and by the binder employed by Government."

Pension (adjourned) 7th Dec: 1785. Present:—Wegg, Rookes, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

In future all the gates of the Inn are to be shut at 7 p.m. and opened at 7 a.m. from Michaelmas to the 1st of May, and to be shut at 9 p.m. and opened at 6 a.m. during the rest of the year.

Pension 25th Jan: 1786. Present:—Wegg, Sharp, Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

"Ordered that a book be provided in which such gentlemen as petition to be called to the Bar, their having received the sacrament being a previous requisite thereto, shall at the time they receive the

same write their names therein and that the Preacher or Reader, or any other Minister administering the same, and the Clerk of the Chapel subscribing their names in testimony thereof shall be deemed sufficient evidence thereof."

Edward Christian, M.A., and Ebenezer King, called to the Bar.

Thomas Gold appointed Chapel clerk.

"Ordered that the Steward do give the two constables belonging to the Rotation office in Hyde Street Bloomsbury who apprehended one of the men for committing a burglary and robbery in Mr. Chambre's chambers two guineas each."

PENSION 8th Feb: 1786. Present:—ROOKES, SHARP, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN and LLOYD.

Thomas Chapman elected Treasurer.[1]

PENSION 20th May, 1786. Present:—CHAPMAN, WEGG, ROOKES, MAYHEW, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE and LLOYD.

"Resolved that it appears by the orders of this Society that the office of Treasurer is, and always has been, elective. Also that King's Council, as such, have never had any preference in the election to the office of Treasurer."[2]

PENSION 29th June, 1786. Present:—CHAPMAN, WEGG, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED and CHAMBRE.

Roger Pocklington to have a vote in Pension.

PENSION 4th July, 1786. Present:—CHAPMAN, WEGG, etc.

William Bleamire and John Skinner Stock called to the Bar.

[1] From this time onward the Treasurer's name is always written at the head of the list of Benchers present in Pension. No order in regard to the matter is, however, recorded.

[2] *Cf.* an order of 26th June, 1787.

Pension 22nd Nov: 1786. Present:—Chapman, Price, Rookes, Montagu, Mayhew, Bumpsted and Lloyd.

"Ordered that from and after the expiration of this term, every Wednesday and Friday in the term be Pension Days and also the last day but one of every term, to be held at half past five."

"Ordered that in future every Bencher be at liberty to repast on Pension Days."

Pension 27th Nov: 1786. Present:—Chapman, Price, Rookes, Mayhew, Bumpsted and Chambre.

The feoffees of the House are to execute a power of attorney to the Steward that he may execute such leases as Pension may order.

Pension (adjourned) 4th Dec: 1786. Present:—Chapman, Price, Rookes, Montagu, Bumpsted, Chambre and Lloyd.

The Steward to pay £60 to the Collector of sewer-rate, being 2*s.* in the pound towards the Brook Street sewer "into which Gray's Inn empties itself."

In reference to an Act of the Parliament of the Middle Temple transmitted to the Bench, it is ordered that "Thomas Chapman Esqre, Treasurer, Master Montagu, Mr. Chambre and Mr. Lloyd or any two of them be a committee to attend the Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple when they have fixed a time," the question to be discussed being that of taking deposits on admission and on call to the Bar.

Pension 10th Feb: 1787. Present:—Chapman, Wegg, Rookes, Bumpsted, Burton and Lloyd.

Isaac Espinasse called to the Bar.

John Lloyd appointed Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 23rd Feb: 1787. Present:—Lloyd, Price, Wegg, Montagu, Grigby, Bumpsted, Chambre and Chapman.

Thomas Quin appointed second butler and panyerman and Steward's and Chief Butler's man, in place of Peter Davies who has resigned and been pensioned.

Pension 11th May, 1787. Present:—Lloyd, Sharp, etc.

George Frederick Parry called to the Bar.

Pension 15th June, 1787. Present:—Lloyd, Price, Wegg, Hudleston, Montagu, Sherwin, Chambre and Chapman.

"The following card having been sent by the Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple, viz.—

"'The Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple present their respectful compliments to the Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn and desire the honor of their Committees company in the Parliament Chamber of the Middle Temple at one o'clock on Thursday the 21st inst. to meet the Committee of each Society, and resolve whether any or what mode should be adopted for taking deposits. N.B. The above card alludes to admissions and calls to the Bar, whether Bonds or Deposits are most eligible.'

"It is desired that the committee attend again and signify that it is the opinion of this Society that the bond is the better course to be taken."[1]

"The Treasurer having communicated to the Board a message from the Lord Chief Baron Eyre that if agreeable he would hold the sittings in the Exchequer in Gray's Inn Hall, It is ordered that Mr. Lloyd the Treasurer be requested to wait upon the Chief Baron with the thanks of the Board for his mark of attention and that they will be ready to accomodate his Lordship."

[1] The giving a bond was the ancient custom. See p. 9, and former vol., p. 96.

PENSION 26th June, 1787. Present:—PRICE, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED, BURTON, CHAMBRE and CHAPMAN.

Called to the Bar:—George Sowley Holroyd,[1] John Knill, John Rooke.

Master Montagu, Mr. Burton, and Mr. Chambre appointed to enquire as to "the usage of the Society respecting the right of precedence of his Majesty's Council, Benchers of the Society, with respect to their election or succession to the office of Treasurer" with special reference to the case of Mr. Price, K.C.

PENSION (adjourned) 27th June, 1787. Present:—PRICE, HUDLESTON, etc.

Henry Hosty called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 11th July, 1787. Present:—LLOYD, PRICE, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, BURTON, CHAMBRE and CHAPMAN.

The Steward to enquire upon what plan the Society of the Inner Temple manages its commons.

Joseph Wigg appointed Carpenter to the Society in room of Joseph Gribble, deceased

PENSION 7th Nov: 1787. Present:—LLOYD, WEGG, ROOKES, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE and CHAPMAN.

John Hales, the Steward, being dead, a vacancy is declared.

Mr. Bumpsted to have the late Mr. Gryffydd Price's Bench chamber (Ground floor left, 4, Holborn Court).

PENSION 14th Nov: 1787. Present:—LLOYD, WEGG, ROOKES, MONTAGU, BUMPSTED, CHAMBER and CHAPMAN.

Thomas Quin, second butler, elected Steward and Chief Butler.

[1] George Sowley Holroyd was made a Justice of the King's Bench in 1816.

Dr. Stebbing, the Preacher, being dead,[1] a vacancy is declared.

"Ordered that whatsoever person shall be elected Preacher to this Society holds his office only during the pleasure of the Bench, and that he is to attend and preach from the Sunday after the first seal before Michas term untill the Sunday after the last seal after Trinity term and if he does not do the duty himself in the Long Vacation he is in the Trinity term before to name to the Benchers the person he deputes to do the duty in his office, to be approved of by the Bench."

PENSION 28th Nov: 1787. Present:—LLOYD, WEGG, ROOKES, CORNWALL (the Speaker), HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, GRIGBY, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED, BURTON, CHAMBRE and CHAPMAN.

"Ordered that the Rev^d. Mr. Walker King[2] be and is hereby elected Morning Preacher to this Society in the room of the Rev^d Dr. Henry Stebbing deceased and that he be allowed the yearly stipend of £150 together with the house in Warwick Court in which the said Dr. Stebbing resided and commons as usual."

PENSION 2nd Feb, 1788. Present:—LLOYD, HUDLESTON, etc.

William Ainge called to the Bar.

PENSION 11TH Feb: 1788. Present:—LLOYD, WEGG, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE and CHAPMAN.

Charles Swain Booth Sharp elected Treasurer.

PENSION 16th April, 1788. Present:—SHARP, ROOKES, HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN and LLOYD.

Edmund Barker, called to the Bar 28th Nov: 1764, is called to the Bench, he first paying one hundred marks.

[1] He had prepared a collection of his sermons for the press shortly before this event and had dated the preface to them 1st October, 1787. They were published by his son, who was afterwards a Bencher of the Society.

[2] Walker King was a Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford. In 1809 he was made Bishop of Rochester, and shortly afterwards resigned the Preachership.

PENSION 25th April, 1788. Present:—SHARP, ROOKES, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, CHAMBRE and CHAPMAN.

"Ordered that the expence of hanging the pulpit and desk with mourning for the late Dr. Henry Stebbing be paid by the Society."

PENSION 30th April, 1788. Present:—The above and LLOYD.

The following to be called to the Bench:—

Hill Thomas, called to the Bar 25th June, 1772.
Paul William „ „ 28th Jan: 1773.
Robinson Jeremiah „ 18th May, 1773.

PENSION 23rd May, 1788. Present:—SHARP, WEGG, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAPMAN and LLOYD.

Edmund Barker, Thomas Hill, William Paul and Jeremiah Robinson, having paid their caution money, are admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 28th May, 1788. Present:—SHARP, ROOKES, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, LLOYD, BARKER, HILL and PAUL.

The following to be called to the Bench:—

Wegg, Geo: Sam: called to the Bar 24th June, 1773.
Ridley Nich: „ „ „ „
Morgan Thos. „ „ 12th May, 1774.

PENSION 30th May, 1788. Present:—SHARP, ROOKES, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, BARKER, HILL and PAUL.

G. S. Wegg, N. Ridley and T. Morgan admitted to vote in Pension.

PENSION 6th June, 1788. Present:—ROOKES, HUDLESTON, etc.

Montague Farrer Ainslie called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 14th June, 1788. Present:—S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, BURTON, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, BARKER, PAUL, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

"Resolved that the removal of the Library, Pension Chamber and Steward's Office to the scite of the Duchy Office,[1] and making other accomodations there for conducting the business of this Society will be attended with much convenience and utility.

"That the plan for that purpose sent in by Mr. Wigg is approved of in the most material points.

"That it be proceeded on immediately when the Duchy Office becomes vacant, as far as finishing the Library, Pension Chamber and Steward's Office.

"That a committee of such Benchers as choose to attend consisting of not less than three be desired occasionally to superintend the building and give such directions as any application from the builder may make necessary."

PENSION 21st Nov: 1788. Present:—GRIGBY, BURTON, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, HILL, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

Mr. John Walford, owner of a freehold messuage in Fulwood's Rents, late Mr. Bayntun's, has leave to continue having the doorway into Field Court from the said messuage. He is to give an acknowledgement that the areas and windows on the north side of his house are by favour of the Bench and the windows are not to be considered as ancient lights. He is also to pay 20*s*. a year.

[1] See note, p. 109. The entry to the Duchy office was from the courtyard on the south of the Chapel, now covered by the "new" Pension Chamber. By the above series of orders the Benchers for the first time took possession of the present "old" Pension Chamber. The door by which they now enter the Hall must date from this period. Previously they would have entered from the western end. The portico in South Square and the entrance hall were not built till the next century.

The "necessary alteration in the inscription under the Lord Chief Baron's arms" to be made.

A committee to consider where the arms of Mr. Serjeant Cockell and Mr. Serjeant Clayton [1] shall be affixed.

The Bench of the Inner Temple having submitted to this Bench the question "whether an articled clerk to an Attorney is within the meaning of the general rule of 1762 so as to be disqualified from being called to the Bar until the expiration of two years after the articles shall be cancelled or expired," Ordered that the opinion of this Bench, that an articled clerk to an Attorney is within the meaning of the general rule of 1762, be sent to the Treasurer and Benchers of the Inner Temple.

Pension (adjourned) 11th Dec: 1788: Present:—S. Wegg, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman, Lloyd, G. S. Wegg, Ridley and Morgan.

"Ordered that iron rails be set up before the windows of the new Pension Chamber with a gate for admission to the Chapel."

"Ordered that a new staircase to the intended Library [2] be immediately built, the expence of which is not to exceed £15."

"Ordered that Mr. Wigg the carpenter consult Mr. Brimer about the intended water-closet and that Mr. Brimer make an estimate of the expence."

"Ordered that Mr. Gorham be desired to furnish a plan of the drains within Gray's Inn."

Pension 30th Jan: 1789. Present:—Hudleston, Bumpsted, Burton, Chambre, G. S. Wegg and Chapman.

"Mr. Richard Broome of No. 1 Coney Court having got possession of a cellar which belongs to the old Pension Chamber

[1] William Cockell had been made a Serjeant in 1787 and Ralph Clayton in 1788. Neither gentleman had been called to the Bench, apparently because in neither case was the seniority sufficient. The arms are in one of the north windows of the Hall.

[2] *I.e.*, the present north Library, which was for some years after the above date sufficient to accommodate the Society's MSS. and books. The other rooms were added during the nineteenth century.

Ordered that Mr. Broome deliver up the possession of the same, or attend at the next Pension."

Vol. XI of the *State Trials* to be purchased.

PENSION 2nd Feb: 1789. Present:—S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAPMAN, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG and RIDLEY.

"Alan Chambre Esqre a Bencher of this Society having offer'd the sum of £500 for a term of 21 years in the Chambers on the one pair of stairs left-hand at No. 1 in Coney Court late the Pension Chamber, and the further sum of £300 for the like term of 21 years in the chambers on the one pair of stairs right hand at No. 1 in Coney Court late the Library and Steward's Office, Ordered that Mr. Chambre's proposal be accepted of, and that the Steward do inform him thereof."

PENSION 4th Feb: 1789. Present:—HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

A message having been received from the Bench of the Inner Temple requesting the appointment of a committee of this Society to meet committees of the other Inns and consider the propriety of extending the rule of 1762 to the case of articled clerks and of other regulations concerning calls to the Bar, such a committee is appointed.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1789. Present:—BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG and MORGAN.

Thomas Hill appointed Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 6th April, 1789. Present:—S. WEGG, HUDLESTONE, BUMPSTED, CHAPMAN, G. S. WEGG and RIDLEY.

"Ordered that Samuel Wegg Esq do wait on Lord Sydney with the following congratulatory addresses to their Majesties on the happy re-establishment of his Majesty's health.

"To the King's most excellent Majesty.

"Most gracious Sovereign,

"We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the ancient Society of Gray's Inn established for promoting the study and practice of the Law, on behalf of ourselves and the other members thereof, beg leave to unite our sincere and cordial congratulations with those of our fellow subjects on the happy re-establishment of your Majesty's health. Highly sensible of the blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's mild and equitable government, we are deeply impressed with gratitude to Almighty God for His having vouchsafed to listen to the prayers of your people in the restoration of your Majesty's health. That loyalty which as good subjects it is our duty to profess, and as a Law Society to inculcate and promote, we beg leave to assure your Majesty is accompanied with a most warm and respectful attachment to your Majesty for your many personal virtues, convinced that nothing can be more favourable to the cause of religion and morality than so bright an example in so elevated a situation.

"May your Majesty long continue to reign over a free and loyal people the Protector of their religion, laws and liberties.

"Sam^L Wegg V.T.

"Gray's Inn 7th April 1789."

"To the Queen's most excellent Majesty.

"May it please your Majesty,

"We the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the ancient Society of Gray's Inn established for promoting the study and practice of the Law on behalf of ourselves and the other members thereof humbly beg your Majesty's acceptance of our dutiful congratulations on the happy re-establishment of the health of our gracious Sovereign. Permit us at the same time to express our ardent hope that your Majesty may long continue the affectionate consort of our most gracious Sovereign and the happy partaker of the unabateing loyalty and attachment of all his subjects.

"Sam^L Wegg. V.T.

"Gray's Inn 7th April 1789."

[Reply received.]

"Whitehall 13th April 1789.

"Sir,

"I have this day had the honour of presenting to the King the address of the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the Ancient Society of Gray's Inn, which you delivered to me, congratulating his Majesty on the happy re-establishment of his health; and I have the satisfaction of informing you that his Majesty was pleased to receive the same in the most gracious manner.

"I have the honour to be, Sir

"Your most obedient humble servant

"Sydney.

"Samuel Wegg Esq. V. T."

Pension 20th May, 1789. Present:—Hill, Rookes, etc.

Called to the Bar:—John Wear and Joseph Kitson.

Pension 17th June, 1789. Present:—Rookes, Hudleston, Sherwin, Bumpsted, Chambre, Chapman and Lloyd.

[Received from the Inner Temple.]

"Mr. Bearcroft, Mr. Baron Maseres and Mr. Bower having this day reported to the Bench table that they have met and conferred with the following Benchers of the other Inns of Court deputed for that purpose namely John Morris of the Middle Temple Esq and Owen Salusbury Brereton and John Soley of Lincoln's Inn Esq^rs and Alan Chambre, Samuel Wegg and John Lloyd of Gray's Inn Esq^rs on the propriety of extending the rule of Trinity term 1762 concerning the calling of Attornies to the degree of Barrister at Law to such persons as had been articled clerks to Attornies but had never been themselves admitted as attornies in any of the Courts of Westminster and that in the said conferrence it was agreed and resolved amongst all the said deputies of the four Inns of Court, that from and after the end of this present Trinity term 1789 no articled clerk either to an Attorney or Sollicitor or to a clerk in the Court of Chancery or Court of Exchequer ought to be

called to the Bar until his articles shall either have expired or been cancelled for the space of two whole years It is now ordered by the Masters of the Bench now present that the said resolution be confirmed and adopted as the rule of this Society in all future applications of such articled clerks to be called to the Bar.

"And the said Mr. Bearcroft Mr. Baron Maseres and Mr. Bower having further reported that they had also conferred with the above-mentioned Benchers of the other three Inns of Court concerning such other regulations as may be necessary to be observed with respect to calling gentlemen to the degree of Barrister at Law by the several Law Societies, and that in the said conferrence Mr. Morris had produced to them a certain order of the Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple made on the 8th May 1730 relating to this matter which was in the words following, to wit, 'It is ordered that no Master of the Bench do from henceforth propose any of this Society to be called to the degree of the Bar without he is able to give some account to their Masterships (if required) of the character and qualifications of the gentlemen he proposes and that this order be first read at the sitting of every Parliament,' and that the said order of the Society of the Middle Temple had appeared to the gentlemen of the other three Societies who were present at this conferrence to be a reasonable and judicious precaution and fit to be adopted by all the four Law Societies It is now ordered by the Masters of the Bench of this Society now present that the said order of the Middle Temple be adopted by this Society and observed by them in all future calls of gentlemen to the degree of Barristers at Law from and after the end of this present Trinity Term 1789.

"And the said Mr. Bearcroft Mr. Baron Maseres and Mr. Bower having further reported that at the said conferrence it was unanimously agreed that in order to prevent improper persons from being called to the Bar before the enquiries have been made concerning their characters and qualifications, it would be expedient to resolve that for the future no person should be called to the Bar until the next Parliament of the Inner or Middle Temple or the next Council in Lincoln's Inn, or the next Pension meeting in Gray's Inn after that at which such person has been proposed, It is now ordered by the Masters of the Bench of this Society now present that from and

after the end of this present Trinity term no person shall be called to the Bar in this Society until the next Parliament after that at which such person shall have been proposed by one of the Masters of the Bench.

"A copy ex^d, JOHN SPINKS, Sub-Treas."

PENSION 19th June, 1789. Present:—HILL, ROOKES, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, GRIGBY, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN and RIDLEY.

"A petition of several gentlemen members of this Society for leave to make a coach communication between Holborn Court and Coney Court at their own expence, having been presented, Resolved that such a communication would be advantageous to the Society and that the Benchers will take the same into consideration."

PENSION 26th June, 1789. Present:—HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, G. S. WEGG and RIDLEY.

"Ordered that the evening service in the Chapel be omitted in future, excepting Sundays, the great Festivals of the Church, Thanksgiving and Fast Days and that this order be communicated to the Rev^d Mr. Garden by the Steward."

PENSION (adjourned) 9th July, 1789. Present:—HILL, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, CHAPMAN, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

A petition that a coach communication between Holborn Court and Coney Court be made according to a plan and estimate prepared by Mr. Wigg at a cost of £336 to be raised by voluntary subscriptions from members of the Society, is granted. But the communication is not to be opened until further orders.[1]

The Hall tiling to be "stript and relay'd."

[1] Under this order was made the arched roadway at the west end of the Hall which appears in Ireland's view of the Inn drawn in 1800. The view by Wale (1761) shows the previous lack of coach communication.

"Ordered that the walls of the new Pension Chamber be coloured French grey, and that dark green moreen window curtains and a plain cast-iron register stove be bought for the use of the Pension Chamber."

PENSION 18th Nov: 1789. Present:—HILL, BUMPSTED, BURTON, CHAPMAN, G. S. WEGG and RIDLEY.

"Ordered that an oak post (made to drop occasionally) be immediately prepared and fixed in the centre of the gateway leading into Gray's Inn Lane, and that as soon as such post shall be fixed, the communication between the two Courts shall be opened." [1]

PENSION (adjourned) 8th Dec: 1789. Present:—S. WEGG, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG and RIDLEY.

Nicholas Ridley elected Dean of the Chapel.

"Ordered that the Steward do transmit to each of the Benchers who hold Bench chambers, who has not attended two terms in the last preceding year and two Pensions in each of those terms, a copy of the order of Pension of the 10th June, 1740, with the following letter:—

"SIR, It was this day ordered in Pension that I should transmit to you the following order of Pension with a request that you will by a letter to me previous to the first day of next term assign some reason why the said order should not be carried into execution in that instance. I am Sir, etc.

"Upon reading the orders of 22nd Feb: 1737 and 10th June 1740 and the order of 25th May 1764 for disposing of the Chamber ground floor N° 2 in Coney Court to William Rookes Esq. the Bench being of opinion that the said order dated 10th June 1740 does not extend to the said Chamber N° 2 Coney Court and that any Bencher who has accepted or may accept one of the other eight Bench Chambers is not precluded by such acceptance from resigning

[1] The intention, of course, was to guard against the risk that, when the communication was opened, the Inn should be used as a thoroughfare.

his Bench Chamber and accepting the said chamber at N° 2 in lieu of the same, and the said chamber being now vacant, It is ordered that the Steward be directed to apply to the Benchers according to their seniority to know whether they will accept the same upon the terms expressed in the said order of the 22nd Feby 1737."

PENSION 27th Jan: 1790. Present:—HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

Henry Davies, the Librarian, is dismissed for embezzling upwards of £97 collected by him for duties on servants, carriages and horses.

A petition was received from Sir Ashton Warner Byam, a member of the Society, stating—

"That in the year 1763 being a Batchelor of Arts in the University of Cambridge, he was admitted of Grays Inn, where he resided and kept the Michaelmas term of that year and the four several terms of 1764, meaning to have continued till he should be called to the Bar.

"That in January, 1765 (in consequence of an invitation from Thomas Warner Esq.,[1] then Attorney General of the Leeward Islands) he went to Antigua with a view to passing 18 months in attending the Courts and seeing the practice of that Island and of then returning to finish his education in Grays Inn, but in the end of 1766 Mr. Warner prevail'd on him to change his plan and to be admitted to the Bar there.

"That after some years practice, viz. in 1774, he was called down to Grenada and appointed his Majesty's Sollicitor General of that Government, in which office he continued till the islands of Grenada and Tobago were successively captured by the French.

"That in 1783 Grenada being restored to the Crown of Great Britain, he was appointed Attorney General of that Government which place he still fills, but that the duties of it and his professional engagements did not admit of his leaving Grenada till last year, viz.

[1] Thomas Warner and his father Ashton, who had been Attorney General of Antigua, were both members of Gray's Inn. They were descendants of Sir Thomas Warner, coloniser of the first British West Indian Islands (d. 1649).

in May 1789, when he obtained 12 months leave of absence and came to England soon after.

"That since his return the University of Cambridge has admitted him to the degree of Master of Arts.

"That he kept the last Michaelmas term and intends keeping the ensuing Hilary term at Grays Inn, but finds it absolutely necessary to return to the duties of his situation in Grenada before Easter term.

"Under these peculiar circumstances he presumes humbly to intreat the indulgence of the Society, to dispense with his remaining terms and to allow of his being called to the Bar, previous to his leaving England."

Upon the above petition, the Bench ordered a copy of it to be sent to the other Inns with a letter inviting the opinions of the several Benches as to whether, in view of the order made by general consent of the Societies in 1762, Sir A. W. Byam was a proper person to be called now to the Bar. Their own opinion was in his favour.

Pension 3rd Feb: 1790. Present:—Hill, Wegg, Hudleston, Montagu, Grigby, Bumpsted, Lloyd, Wegg, Ridley and Morgan.

John Hullock is granted chambers at 8 Coney Court (ground floor right).

Mr. Hudleston to have the resident Bencher's chambers (2 Coney Court).

Pension 11th Feb: 1790. Present:—Hill, S. Wegg, Hudleston, Montagu, Grigby, Burton, Chambre, G. S. Wegg, Ridley and Morgan.

In the case of Sir A. W. Byam the Bench of the Middle Temple concurs in the opinion that he is a proper person to be now called to the Bar, the terms unkept being dispensed with to him; the Bench of Lincoln's Inn replies that had Sir A. W. Byam been a member of Lincoln's Inn, they should not, under the circumstances, have con-

sidered him a proper person to be now admitted to the Bar in England; the Bench of the Inner Temple considers that the rule should be dispensed with and that he ought to be called to the Bar."

"Ordered that Sir Ashton Warner Byam, a member of this Society, being of full standing, having performed all his exercises, paid all his duties, received the Sacrament, paid £20 in lieu of chambers and having part of his commons dispensed with under the special circumstances of his case, be called to the Bar and is hereby published Barrister accordingly."

Septimus Hardwicke Ludlow called to the Bar.

John Dean appointed Librarian. He is to give security to the amount of £250.

The Treasurer and six Benchers appointed a "Committee for the care of the Library."

"Ordered that the arms of Charles Wolfran Cornwall Esq., late Speaker of the House of Commons, be put up in the Hall."

William Paul appointed Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 4th March 1790. Present:—Hudleston, Montagu, Bumpsted, Lloyd, G. S. Wegg and Ridley.

"Ordered that £1500 Consolidated Bank annuities 3 per cent. be purchased, in the names of William Bumpsted, George Samuel Wegg and Nicholas Ridley Esq^rs in trust for this Society."

Pension 9th June, 1790. Present:—Paul, Hudleston, etc.

John King called to the Bar.

Pension 18th June, 1790. Present:—Paul, Hudleston, Montagu, Sherwin, Bumpsted, Chambre, Lloyd, Ridley and Morgan.

"Ordered that the repairs of the Chapel be proceeded on immediately on the terms of Mr. Gorham's estimate amounting to £103 18*s*."

The greenhouse and partition in the garden to be repaired.

PENSION 10th Nov: 1790. Present:—HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, etc.

Thomas Rigge called to the Bar.

PENSION 4th Feb: 1791. Present:—PAUL, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, BUMPSTED, BURTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

Mrs. Judith Shillitoe appointed, in lieu of her late mother, "Keeper of the ladies' gallery at the west end of the chapel."

"Ordered that the thanks of the Bench be given to Mr. Smeaton for the copy of his most important work of the Edystone presented by him to the Society of which he is considered a most valuable member."

The Steward to have the "Library apartments" in lieu of his present chambers, which are to be sold.

£500 to be invested in "3 per cent. consol."

"Ordered that Gibbon's History be compleated."[1]

PENSION 11th Feb: 1791. Present:—PAUL, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, BURTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD and MORGAN.

The greenhouse to be taken down and the site planted with shrubs.

George Samuel Wegg elected Treasurer.

PENSION 8th July, 1791.[2] Present:—G. S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, MONTAGU, GRIGBY, BUMPSTED, BURTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

William Sheldon called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the order of Pension of the 8th December 1789 be considered as fully explanatory of the order made the 31st of May 1744, 'That Mr. Gilby's chambers be appointed to the next

[1] It had been completed, so far as the author and publisher were concerned, in 1788. The above, therefore, is not an order for subscribing for forthcoming volumes but simply for buying some which had not yet been placed in the library.

[2] Pensions were held in Easter term, but no orders of interest were made.

senior Bencher, not having chambers, and that any Bencher having already made his choice of Bench chambers may be at liberty to resign them and accept of Mr. Gilby's chambers notwithstanding his former choice.' "

PENSION 18th Nov: 1791. Present:—G. S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Fowler Hickes and William Brimage.

PENSION 27th Jan: 1792. Present:—G. S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

Mr. Baron Maseres[1] having presented a copy of his book called *Scriptores Logarithmici*, the thanks of the Bench are voted.

PENSION 1st Feb: 1792. Present:—G. S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, etc.

John Bell[2] called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1792. Present:—S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, HILL, PAUL, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

Nicholas Ridley elected Treasurer.

PENSION 4th May, 1792. Present:—RIDLEY, WEGG, etc.

David Jenkins called to the Bar.

[1] Francis Maseres was Cursitor Baron of the Exchequer from 1773 to 1824. He had been fourth wrangler, and was a prolific writer on mathematical and other subjects.

[2] John Bell had been first Smith's prizeman and Senior Wrangler at Cambridge and was a Fellow of Trinity. He was made a K.C. in 1816. A bust of him stands in the Pension Room.

PENSION 22nd June, 1792. Present:—RIDLEY, HUDLESTON, etc.

John Bayley[1] called to the Bar.

The Duke of Northumberland[2] is to have a new term in his chamber, two pair left, No. 8, Coney Court.

PENSION 16th Nov: 1792. Present:—RIDLEY, GRIGBY, etc.

Bartholomew Rudd called to the Bar.

PENSION 30th Jan: 1793. Present:—RIDLEY, BUMPSTED, BURTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD and MORGAN.

Thomas Blake called to the Bar.

An armed watchman to be stationed in the gardens.

Four dozen pewter plates to be bought "for the use of the Hall."

PENSION 6th Feb: 1793. Present:—RIDLEY, HUDLESTON, BURTON, CHAMBRE, G. S. WEGG and MORGAN.

The question having been proposed by the Bench of the Inner Temple "whether a person admitted as a Proctor and practising as such is within the meaning of the general rule of 1762, so as to be disqualified from being called to the Bar until he has discontinued practice for two years," the Bench returns the opinion that he is "within the spirit of the general rule of 1762," though not within "the strict letter," and is disqualified from being called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1793. Present:—RIDLEY, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, BURTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE and MORGAN.

Thomas Morgan elected Treasurer.

"Ordered that for the future[3] no gentleman who shall have

[1] John Bayley was made a Serjeant in 1799 and a Justice of the King's Bench in 1808.

[2] His arms are in one of the north windows of the Hall.

[3] The order probably had reference to a proposed call which was not accorded and so not mentioned.

been called to the degree of a Barrister at Law in any of the other Inns of Court and who may afterwards be admitted a member of this Society on a *bene decessit* shall be called to the Bench until five years after the date of such admission."

PENSION (adjourned) 4th March, 1793. Present:—MORGAN, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG and RIDLEY.

Oliver Dixon having accepted a call to the Bench is admitted to a vote in Pension.

PENSION 24th April, 1793. Present:—HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, BURTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

John Fisher and John Topham admitted to their votes in Pension.

In compliance with a request from the Middle Temple, a committee is appointed to meet committees from the other Inns at the Parliament Chamber of the Middle Temple on May 9th at 1 o'clock.

PENSION 3rd May, 1793. Present:—MORGAN, SHARP, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, CHAMBRE and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that the thanks of the Bench be given to the Rev: Dr. King, Preacher to this Society, for his sermon on the Fast Day,[1] and that he be desired to print the same."

PENSION 5th June, 1793. Present:—MORGAN, WEGG, etc.

John Williamson called to the Bar.

PENSION 7th June, 1793. Present:—MORGAN, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, HILL, G. S. WEGG, FISHER and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that *Gray's Inn Place* be inscribed on that part of Warwick Court belonging to this Society."

[1] Friday, 19th April.

"Ordered that *Gray's Inn Square* be inscribed on N° 1 and over the gateway on the East side of what has been called Coney Court." [1]

"Ordered that all dues and taxes on the Rev^d Mr. Garden's Chambers be paid by the Society."

PENSION 18th June, 1793. Present:—MORGAN, S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, BURTON, CHAMBRE, HILL and G. S. WEGG.

The "iron rails in Gray's Inn Lane" to be repaired.

The Benchers' keys of the garden to be altered.

"Ordered that an index or alphabet to the rules and orders of the Society be compleated under the direction of Mr. Treasurer, Dr. King and Mr. Topham."

PENSION 29th June, 1793. Present:—MORGAN, HUDLESTON, BURTON, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, FISHER and TOPHAM.

Proprietors of chambers may renew their terms "by adding eight years to make their said terms twenty-one years so that they renew before their respective terms run to twelve years," paying three fourths of a moiety of the original fines, except in the case of third story chambers for which the whole of the original fine is to be paid. The fine to be increased by one fourth for every half year elapsed after the twelve-year limit, and no renewal to be permitted when the term has run to five years. One half part of the original fine extra is to be paid when the Chamber is inhabited by a non-member of the Society. Chambers falling by death to executors are to be assigned to a member of the Society within twelve months, or the chamber will be seized. No terms in chambers held by members in trust for non-members are to be renewed. No member to hold

[1] The name Coney Court—on p. 484 of the former volume it is called "the Coningrye Court"—was evidently derived from the conies, or rabbits, which were its inhabitants prior to the reign of Elizabeth. Lincoln's Inn also had had its "coney-garth"—a term for which "coningry" is synonymous. The name "Chapel Court" had silently died out since 1726, and the southern as well as the northern portion had been known as Coney Court. Holborn Court was ordered to be called South Square in 1829.

more than one chamber, except that he may add to his chamber one of those on the third story on the same staircase. No trade or handicraft to be carried on in chambers without consent of Pension. All nuisances to be removed before renewal. That the Bench may be satisfied that chambers are in proper and tenantable repair, and that no improper alterations have been made in them, an inspection is to be made on all applications for renewal. No member of the Society who is in contempt of the orders of the Society shall renew his chamber till he be discharged of the contempt.

Copies of orders made by the Benches of Lincoln's Inn and the Middle Temple, extending the benefits allowed by the order of 1762 to Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Law of Oxford and Cambridge to Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Law of the University of Dublin, were received.

"John Lloyd Esq one of the Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn, appointed with Alan Chambre Esq to meet the gentlemen of the several Societies of the Middle Temple, Inner Temple and Lincoln's Inn to consider of the general order of the several Law Societies of 1762 respecting qualifications for the Bar, [having] reported that in pursuance of the same appointment he had met and conferred with the gentlemen appointed by the said Societies of the Middle Temple and Inner Temple for that purpose and that it was by them resolved that the benefit of the said order of 1762 be extended to the like graduates of the University of Dublin as is given by the said order to Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Law of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and that such regulation was signed by the gentlemen who were present, Now in approbation of and conformity to the same It is ordered that in the said order of 1762 after the words 'Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Law of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge' the words 'and of Dublin' be inserted."

Pension 20th Nov: 1793. Present:—Grigby, Chambre, etc.

Thomas Binsteed and Stephen Gaselee[1] called to the Bar.

[1] Stephen Gaselee was made a K.C. in 1819 and a Justice of the Common Pleas in 1824. The following year he was knighted.

PENSION 5th Feb: 1794. Present:—MORGAN, HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, G. S. WEGG and FISHER.

"Ordered that the rule of the Middle Temple Society, respecting the sureties for Irish gentlemen, be adopted by this Society; namely, that such sureties be two respectable housekeepers, or a gentleman well known for his respectability."

"Ordered that the alteration to be made under Lord Chief Justice Eyre's arms be referred to the Treasurer and the Dean of the Chapel."

"Ordered that the names and additions of the fathers be in future made a part of the several admissions into this Society."

PENSION 7th Feb: 1794. Present:—MORGAN, S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that in future the names of the sureties to those who are admitted members of this Society be added in the book of Admissions, and that the book of Admissions be laid before the Bench at the adjourned Pension after each term."

The book containing the names of owners of chambers to be similarly submitted.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1794. Present:—MORGAN, S. WEGG, HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY and FISHER.

Called to the Bar:—Joshua Smith and William David Evans.

"Ordered that the minutes of each Pension be read at the next following Pension, and that the minutes of the whole of each term be read at the adjourned Pension."

PENSION 7th May, 1794. Present:—DIXON (Treasurer),[1] SHARP, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, FISHER and TOPHAM.

The tenant of the Gray's Inn Coffee House having given notice to leave, the house is to be "advertised to be let in the *Times*, the *Sun*, the *Star* and *Daily Advertiser*."

[1] No record of his election to the office was entered.

Pension 14th May, 1794. Present:—Dixon, S. Wegg, Sharp, Montagu, Burton, Chambre, Lloyd, Hill, G. S. Wegg, Ridley, Fisher and Topham.

In reply to a question received from the Bench of the Inner Temple "whether a person in Deacon's orders, being admitted and having kept his terms, may be called to the Bar," the Pension replies "that as the subject involves considerations of propriety and expediency as well as the mere legal question of eligibility" it would be well that a conference should be held.

Pension 16th May, 1794. Present:—Dixon, Sharp, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Charles Fielding Ward and John Hullock.[1]

Pension 23rd May, 1794. Present:—Sharp, Sherwin, etc.

John Daniel McKinnen called to the Bar.

Pension 28th May, 1794. Present:—Sharp, Sherwin, Chambre, G. S. Wegg, Ridley, Morgan and Topham.

"Ordered that Mr. Chambre and Dr. Fisher be appointed a committee of this Society to meet the committees of the Inner Temple and the other Societies on the second day of next term for the purpose of considering "whether a person in Deacon's orders, being admitted and having kept his terms, may be called to the Bar."

Pension 20th June, 1794. Present:—S. Wegg, Chambre, Lloyd, G. S. Wegg, Ridley, Morgan and Topham.

Mrs. Warburton to have the Gray's Inn Coffee House at a rent of £300 per annum.

[1] John Hullock was made a Serjeant in 1816, and a Baron of the Exchequer in 1823.

PENSION 27th June, 1794. Present:—MONTAGU, SHERWIN, BURTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, PAUL, G. S. WEGG, MORGAN, FISHER and TOPHAM.

Called to the Bar:—John Stanford Girdler, John Humphreys, John Whishaw and Thomas Creevey.[1]

The following question to be submitted to the other Inns of Court:—"Whether the priviledge allowed to Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Laws by the general order of 1762 respecting calls to the Bar extends either to *Mandamus* or honorary degrees."

The call of Mr. Francis Plowden is postponed till the above question be answered.

PENSION 8th July, 1794. Present:—DIXON, BURTON, CHAMBRE, PAUL, RIDLEY, MORGAN and TOPHAM.

A conference consisting of Peter Holford and John Soley, Esqs. (Lincoln's Inn), Masters Wynne and Whitchurch (Middle Temple), Alan Chambre, Esq., and Dr. Fisher (Gray's Inn), and Messrs. Bower and Reade (Inner Temple), having reported that "a person in Deacon's orders, being admitted and having kept his terms," ought not to be called to the Bar, "now in approbation of and conformity to the same It is ordered that a person in Deacon's orders ought not to be called to the Bar."

A copy received of a similar order made at the Inner Temple.

PENSION (adjourned) 22nd July, 1794. Present:—BURTON, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, MORGAN, FISHER and TOPHAM.

Gray's Inn Square to be new paved.

Dr. King is permitted to let the house he occupies as Preacher.

A copy received of an order made at Lincoln's Inn to the effect of that passed at the last Pension as to persons in Deacon's orders.

[1] Afterwards M.P. for Thetford, known through his bequest of the "Creevey Papers."

PENSION 14th Nov: 1794. Present:—HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, HILL, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

A committee appointed to meet committees of the other Inns at this Pension Chamber to consider whether the privilege allowed to Masters of Arts and Bachelors of Laws extends to *Mandamus* or honorary degrees.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1794. Present:—HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and FISHER.

Representatives of the Middle Temple and Lincoln's Inn having met those of Gray's Inn and unanimously decided that the privilege allowed to Masters of Arts and Bachelors does not extend to *mandamus* or honorary degrees, and the Bench of the Inner Temple having sent an answer to the same effect, It is ordered that the privilege shall not be so extended.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1795. Present:—DIXON, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, RIDLEY, MORGAN, FISHER and TOPHAM.

John Fisher elected Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 16th July, 1795.[1] Present:—HUDLESTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, MORGAN and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that the stone work of the Hall windows be repaired and stuccoed."

PENSION 18th Nov: 1795. Present:—FISHER, WEGG, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

Commons to be charged in future at the rate of fourteen shillings a week and each repast to be two shillings and sixpence. The charge for castings into commons to be twenty shillings per term. Bench chambers to be charged with full commons.

Called to the Bar:—Richard Donovan and John Bateman.

[1] Pensions had been held in the Easter and Trinity terms, but no business of interest was done.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1795. Present:—FISHER, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that after this present term every Wednesday in the term be a Pension Day and also the last day but one of every term—to be held at half past five o'clock in the afternoon."

PENSION (adjourned) 11th Dec: 1795. Present:—BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

"The interposition of the Bench, in respect of the very great increase of expence incurred by the entertainments given on performing exercises for the Bar, having been requested by several Barristers of the Society for the benefit of the Students; the Benchers of the Society think themselves obliged by the application and having taken the matter into consideration It is hereby ordered that the following information be communicated to the Barristers and Students viz:

"That there is no rule or order of the Society which requires any entertainment to be given upon the performance of exercise or on being called to the Bar; that there are certain small fees due to the Barristers who attend the exercise and also to the officers of the Society; that the Barristers usually declined the acceptance of their fees and as a voluntary return of compliment but not as a matter of right or obligation the gentlemen performing exercise generally invited them and the Students who assisted in the exercise to a supper; that till of late years no dinners were ever given and the invitation to supper was never general, but confined to those who assisted at the exercise and to a few particular friends of the persons who gave the entertainment.

"That the Bench are of opinion that an unnecessary increase of the expence of being called to the Bar may be inconvenient to individuals and injurious to the interest of the Society. They therefore strongly recommend that the entertainments, as they cannot easily be regulated or limited in point of expence, may in future be wholly discontinued."

The above statement to be screened.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1796. Present:—S. WEGG, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, MORGAN, DIXON and TOPHAM.

Thomas Hutchinson called to the Bar.

John Topham appointed Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 16th May, 1796. Present:—HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, MORGAN and FISHER.

"A copy of an order of Parliament dated the 6th day of May inst: having been received from the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, appointing a committee consisting of Mr. Attorney General Master Partridge and Master Brooksbank or any two of them to confer with a committee of each of the other Inns of Court as to calling Masters in Chancery to the Bench, Ordered that Mr. Topham (Treas:) Mr. Chambre and Mr. Morgan or any two of them be appointed a committee of this Society to confer upon the subject with the said committee of the Middle Temple and the committees of the other Inns of Court."

PENSION 14th June, 1796. Present:—TOPHAM, HUDLESTON, BURTON, CHAMBRE, MORGAN and FISHER.

Meredith Price called to the Bar.

"Ordered that the wine used in the Hall be advanced to 3*s.* 4*d.* per bottle in future."

PENSION (adjourned) 25th June, 1796. Present:—TOPHAM, HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and MORGAN.

A copy was received of an order made at the Middle Temple that the Committees of the four Inns having unanimously reported "that Masters in Chancery had no right to be called to the Bench and that it was not expedient to call them as such," the Society of the Middle Temple "agreed with the report of their committee and did not think fit to call Nicholas Smith Esq. to the Bench as a Master in Chancery."

"Ordered that the space between Chapel Court[1] and Gray's Inn Lane be appropriated for the purposes of beating clothes, etc., and that no persons shall be permitted to beat them anywhere else."

PENSION 23rd Nov: 1796. Present:—TOPHAM, GRIGBY, etc.

Francis Maude called to the Bar.

PENSION 26th Nov: 1796. Present:—TOPHAM, GRIGBY, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and FISHER.

John Myers called to the Bar.

A committee appointed to meet committees of the other Inns "with respect to measures proper to be adopted for the purpose of making regulations respecting the admission of persons as members of the Inns of Court in order to their being called to the Bar."

PENSION 1st Feb: 1797. Present:—TOPHAM, S. WEGG, GRIGBY, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, PAUL, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and FISHER.

"The Society having paid a bounty of 20 guineas a man for three men to serve in his Majesty's army for Gray's Inn and Staple Inn, which with the expenses thereon amount to the sum of £71 12*s.* 0*d.*, Ordered that Staple Inn repay this Society after the proportion of three quarters of a man towards such bounty and expence."

PENSION 11th Feb: 1797. Present:—TOPHAM, HUDLESTON, CHAMBRE, PAUL, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and FISHER.

Alan Chambre to be permitted to renew his chamber "on the one pair of stairs left-hand at No. 1 in Gray's Inn Square," on payment of a fine of £9.

Andrew Hudleston elected Treasurer.

[1] *I.e.* the courtyard on the south of the Chapel.

PENSION 9th March, 1797. Present:—HUDLESTON, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, MORGAN and TOPHAM.

Mr. Gorham having, on account of his great age, resigned the office of bricklayer to the Society, Mr. James Mansfield is appointed to that office.

PENSION 17th May, 1797. Present:—HUDLESTON, S. WEGG, BURTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that the allowance of wine to each mess in the Hall shall not at the utmost exceed two bottles."

PENSION 24th May, 1797. Present:—HUDLESTON, S. WEGG, etc.

John Edgworth called to the Bar.

PENSION 28th June, 1797. Present:—GRIGBY, CHAMBRE, etc.

John Atkinson and John Caldwell called to the Bar.

PENSION 22nd Nov: 1797. Present:—S. WEGG, GRIGBY, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER and TOPHAM.

Lockhart Johnstone and Henry Sockett called to the Bar.

The following gentlemen to be called to the Bench:—Warcop Consett, Henry Collingwood Selby and Edward King.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1797. Present:—BURTON, BUMPSTED, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, FISHER and TOPHAM.

"Samuel Ward, Doctor of Laws, having presented a memorial to the Bench stating therein that he entered as a student of this Society in Easter term 1792 and after having kept eight terms took out a certificate thereof in order to his being called to the Irish Bar to which he was admitted in Michaelmas term 1794, that wishing also to be admitted to the English Bar he had come from

Dublin with the intention to keep the remainder of his terms in this Society but had been informed by the Steward it was irregular for him to do so after the taking of such certificate and praying to be admitted to the privilege of keeping the remainder of his terms in this Society as he sollicited such certificate solely for the purpose of his being called to the Irish Bar and without any knowledge whatsoever that the effect would be a termination of his studentship, Ordered that the request of his memorial be granted the Bench being of opinion that Dr. Samuel Ward is intitled thereto as a matter of right."

A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. David Burton Fowler for the gift of his book on the practice in the Court of Exchequer.

Pension 24th Jan: 1798. Present:—Grigby, Chambre, Lloyd, Fisher, Topham, Consett, Selby and King.

Warcop Consett, Henry Collingwood Selby and Edward King admitted to vote in Pension.

Pension 10th Feb: 1798. Present:—Hudleston, Grigby, Paul, G. S. Wegg, Ridley, Morgan, Fisher, Selby and King.

A committee appointed at the request of the Bench of the Middle Temple to confer with committees of the other Inns in regard to the mode of admission to the Inns. Admissions are not to be made till next term, but the names of applicants are to be taken down, and they are to stand as admitted if under the new regulations they be approved.

Warcop Consett elected Treasurer.

Pension (adjourned) 26th Feb: 1798. Present:—Hudleston, Chambre, G. S. Wegg, Ridley, Morgan, Fisher, Topham, Selby and King.

G. S. Wegg to have the Bench chamber (two pair right 9 Gray's Inn Square) just resigned by Samuel Wegg.

"Ordered that this Society by their Treasurer Mr. Hudleston

do subscribe the sum of five hundred pounds at the Bank of England towards the present exigencies of the State. The money to be provided by selling stock in the 3 per cent. consolidated Bank annuities.

PENSION 28th April, 1798. Present:—HUDLESTON, S. WEGG, SHARP, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, FISHER, TOPHAM and KING.

[LETTER RECEIVED.]

"United parishes of Saint Andrew Holborn above Bars and Saint George the Martyr Middlesex.

"Workhouse, Gray's Inn Lane
"27th April 1798.

"The committee of the Armed Association forming in these united parishes beg leave to request of your Hoñble Society to permit the members of the Association to be drilled and exercised in such part of your gardens as shall not be incompatible with your own internal regulations.

"I have the honor to be, Hoñble Sirs, your very obd^t and ñble servant

"W. KINNARD, Chairman of the Committee.

"P.S.—A copy of the resolutions formed at a general meeting of the parishioners and also a list of the Committee is herewith transmitted."

"Ordered that the following letter be sent to Wm. Kinnard Esq. viz.:—

"Steward's Office, Gray's Inn
"28. April, 1798.

"SIR,

"By order of the Benchers of Gray's Inn I am directed to inform you that they will be very happy to promote the laudable purposes of the Armed Association of the united parishes of St Andrew Holborn above Bars and St George the Martyr, and for that purpose will cheerfully comply with their request of being accomodated with the use of their gardens for drilling and exercising their members as far as will be consistent with a plan of association

which the Society may probably adopt. They have appointed a committee of Benchers who will be ready to confer with such gentlemen of the Association as they shall think fit to appoint to consider in what manner the plan can most conveniently be executed.

"I am Sir with great respect, your most obedient humble servant,

"THOMAS QUIN (Steward)."

PENSION 19th May, 1798. Present:—HUDLESTON, SHARP, etc.

Called to the Bar:—Basil Montagu[1] and Jefferies Spranger.

PENSION 13th June, 1798. Present:—SHERWIN, LLOYD, PAUL, RIDLEY, TOPHAM and SELBY.

Henry Collingwood Selby appointed Treasurer "for the remainder of the present year."

PENSION 20th June, 1798. Present:—SELBY, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, PAUL, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY, MORGAN, FISHER, TOPHAM and KING.

[NOTE RECEIVED]

"In the year 1754 (and perhaps after) there was standing, in Gray's Inn Gardens on the west side, within that space where there is now (1798) a circle of trees, an octagonal seat, covered with a roof, which seat had been erected by Francis Bacon (after Lord Verulam) to the memory of his friend Mr. Bettenham. Round the seat, outside, was the following inscription *Franciscus Bacon Regis Solicitor Generalis Executor testamenti Jeremiae Bettenham nuper lectoris hujus hospitii, viri innocentis abstinentis et contemplativi, hanc sedem in memoriam ejusdem Jeremiae exstruxit anno Domini* 1609.

"If there be no memorandum of the above in the Steward's

[1] Basil Montagu was the author of a large number of legal treatises, and between 1825 and 1837 produced the edition of Bacon's works on which Macaulay founded a well-known essay. Montagu was made a K.C. in 1835.

office, perhaps this note may not be unacceptable to their Masterships the Benchers or some of them. The seat I remember; the inscription is taken from the 4th vol. of Seward's *Anecdotes of Distinguished Persons*, p. 332.

"JOHN KNILL.

"18 June 1798."

"In compliance with the request of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple, the committee of this Society appointed to meet the several committees of the other Inns of Court to regulate the admissions for the Bar having attended at the Rolls House in Chancery Lane on Wednesday the 13th inst. and having conferred upon the subject, the following resolutions were proposed and submitted to the consideration of the respective Societies in lieu of others heretofore proposed viz. :—

"'That every Society be at liberty to continue or make such rules respecting the keeping terms as now prevail or as they shall hereafter think fit provided that no student in any of the Inns of Court be permitted to keep a term in order to his being called to the Bar without having been present in the Hall at least three days in such term at the time when Grace is said after dinner and the proper officer is strictly to inforce this rule and in case he shall find that any gentleman has left the Hall before Grace after dinner that he do strike his name out of the list of persons present.'

"This rule to commence in Michaelmas term next:—

"'That no person who shall have been admitted into any of the Inns of Court since the 24th of April last or who shall hereafter be admitted (except as hereafter excepted) shall be called to the English Bar unless he shall previous to his keeping any of the terms requisite for that purpose have deposited with the Treasurer of the Society to which he belongs the sum of one hundred pounds the same to be returned without interest on his being called to the Bar or quitting the Society or in case of his death to his personal representative. But this is not to excuse him from paying his duties regularly nor from giving the usual bond upon admission.

"'Provided that this order shall not extend to any person who shall previous to his being called to the Bar produce a certificate of

his being a member of the College of Advocates in Scotland or of his having kept two years' terms in any of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge and Dublin and in case such deposit as aforesaid shall have been made the same shall be immediately returned to him upon his producing such certificate as is above mentioned.

"'Provided also that the last term and this present term shall be allowed to such persons who having been admitted since the 24th April last shall have kept the same in case the above deposit shall be made before the keeping of any other of the terms requisite to qualify such person to be called to the Bar.

"'That the name and description of every Candidate for being called to the Bar be hung up in the Hall a fortnight before he be called to the Bar.'

"Now having perused and considered the said resolutions and in approbation of and in conformity therewith It is ordered that the above resolutions be adopted and they are hereby confirmed and made an order of Pension accordingly."

PENSION 26th June, 1798. Present:—SELBY, HUDLESTON, etc.

Joseph Littledale called to the Bar.

PENSION (adjourned) 18th July, 1798. Present:—SELBY, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, MORGAN, FISHER, TOPHAM and KING.

Samuel Romilly permitted to assign his chamber one pair left No. 6 Gray's Inn Square to Herbert Jenner.[1]

PENSION 27th November, 1798. Present:—SELBY, HUDLESTON, GRIGBY, RIDLEY, TOPHAM and KING.

Called to the Bar:—Horatio Townsend and William Whytehead.

[1] Romilly had moved in December, 1791, to 2, New Square, Lincoln's Inn. "I have," he wrote, "changed much for the better as a situation for business, but much for the worse as far as my own pleasure is concerned. Instead of having a very pleasant garden under my windows, I have nothing but houses before me, and I can't look any way without seeing barristers or attorneys."

A complaint about nuisances having been received from Mr. Samuel Denton of 2, Field Court, next to the "Court of Conscience," a committee is appointed to deal with the matter.

PENSION 23rd Jan: 1799. Present:—SELBY, CHAMBRE, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY, FISHER, TOPHAM and KING.

The Bench of Lincoln's Inn having received a letter to the effect that the resolution of 13th June last, requiring students to deposit £100, would prevent young men from going to the Bar on the foundation of Tancred's Charities, and having proposed a conference with the Benches of the other Societies, Ordered that Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Chambre, Mr. Ridley, Dr. Fisher and Mr. Topham, or any three of them, be a committee of this Society for the matter.

PENSION 6th Feb: 1799. Present:—SELBY, HUDLESTON, etc.

Roper Stote Donnison Roper called to the Bar.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1799. Present:—SELBY, BURTON, CHAMBRE, PAUL, MORGAN, FISHER and KING.

"Ordered that the wax candles in the Pension Chamber be used, untill they are burnt out."

Edward King appointed Treasurer.

PENSION (adjourned) 26th June, 1799.[1] Present:—KING, HUDLESTON, SHERWIN, CHAMBRE, RIDLEY, MORGAN and TOPHAM.

"Ordered that the Pension Chamber be whitewashed and painted in French grey colour."[2]

[1] Pensions were held in Easter term but no business of interest was done.

[2] The fine panelling which now adorns the chamber is of later date than this order.

PENSION 13th Nov: 1799. Present:—KING, S. WEGG, LLOYD, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY and TOPHAM.

Mr. Baron Chambre has leave to assign his chamber one pair left at 1, Gray's Inn Square to Thomas Sermon.

"Ordered that in future five Benchers shall be a sufficient number to constitute a Pension."

PENSION 20th Nov: 1799. Present:—KING, S. WEGG, etc.

William Routh called to the Bar.

PENSION 29th Jan: 1800. Present:—KING, HUDLESTON, etc.

Thomas Clifton called to the Bar.

PENSION 10th Feb: 1800. Present:—HUDLESTON, BURTON, LLOYD, PAUL, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY, DIXON and SELBY.

All members shall in future pay the commons bill of the preceding term before any other becomes payable, or they will not be held to have kept that term.

PENSION 11th Feb: 1800. Present:—HUDLESTON, BURTON, PAUL, DIXON, RIDLEY and SELBY.

Robert Burton elected Treasurer.

PENSION 21st May, 1800. Present:—BURTON, SHARP, HUDLESTON, PAUL, RIDLEY, MORGAN, FISHER, TOPHAM and SELBY.

Resolved that it is necessary a Surveyor should be forthwith appointed and that his annual salary be ten guineas, but that for extraordinary business further remuneration shall be made.

Pension 24th May, 1800. Present:—Burton, Sharp, Hudleston, Paul, Ridley, Morgan, Fisher, Topham and Selby.

Mr. J. C. Atkins appointed Surveyor.

Address presented to His Majesty on May 28th.

"To the King's most excellent Majesty,

"Most Gracious Sovereign.—We your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Treasurer and Masters of the Bench of the ancient Society of Gray's Inn, in behalf of ourselves and the other members thereof, most humbly beg leave to join our heartfelt congratulations with those of all your faithful subjects upon your providential escape from the wicked and treasonable attack that has been lately made upon the life of your sacred Majesty.[1] When we reflect upon the magnanimity manifested by your Majesty on that trying occasion, upon your Majesty's religious and moral virtues, upon your firm adherence to those laws, the study of which it is our peculiar duty to cultivate, upon your Majesty's unremitting solicitude for the happiness and prosperity of your subjects, we are at a loss for language to express our abhorrence and indignation at so foul and atrocious an attempt.

"We take this opportunity of assuring your Majesty of our inviolable attachment to our most excellent constitution and to your Majesty's sacred person, and that we shall always be ready to the utmost of our power to maintain and defend them.

"Robert Burton (Treas.), Andrew Hudleston, John Lloyd, William Paul, Thomas Morgan, John Fisher, Henry Collingwood Selby.

"The King was graciously pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on the Treasurer, now Sir Robert Burton, Knight."

Pension 25th June, 1800. Present:—Burton, Hudleston, etc.

George Heald called to the Bar.

[1] On 15th May a madman, named Hadfield, had shot at the King at Drury Lane Theatre.

PENSION 1st July, 1800. Present:—BURTON, HUDLESTON, etc.

Henry Huddleston called to the Bar.

PENSION 12th Nov: 1800. Present:—BURTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER, TOPHAM and KING.

The following gentlemen to be called to the Bench, paying each one hundred marks as a fine and all arrears of duties, and to take their places according to their seniority of acceptance of their call to the Bench:—John Matthew Grimwood, William Lamb, Samuel Romilly[1] and Henry Stebbing.

PENSION 19th Nov: 1800. Present:—BURTON, LLOYD, RIDLEY, FISHER and TOPHAM.

J. M. Grimwood, W. Lamb, S. Romilly and H. Stebbing to have their votes in Pension.

PENSION 27th Nov: 1800. Present:—BURTON, G. S. WEGG, RIDLEY, FISHER, GRIMWOOD, LAMBE and STEBBING.

Herbert Jenner[2] called to the Bar.

The Librarian's stipend raised from £38 to £50 a year.

[1] Incidents in the connection of Samuel Romilly, the famous reformer of the criminal law, with Gray's Inn have already been noted on pp. 330 and 383. He was made a King's Counsel six days before the above order, and was appointed Solicitor-General with a knighthood in 1806. In 1803 he was Treasurer of the Inn. In later years he lived in Russell Square, and it was there that, on the death of his wife in 1818, he killed himself.

[2] Herbert Jenner was appointed in 1834 Official Principal of the Arches and Judge of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. In 1842 he assumed the additional name of Fust, on succeeding to some property, and the following year was elected Master of his college, Trinity Hall.

APPENDIX I

THE ACCOUNTS

THE income of the Society during the period covered by the present volume was derived from admittance-fees, caution-money on call to the Bar, "pensions," ground-rents, chamber-rents, fines for chambers, fines for not reading, caution-money on call to the Bench, castings into commons and interest on investments. The items of expenditure were most of them as constant as the headings on the receipt side of the ledger.

It seems sufficient to give in this Appendix a selection of these latter, which has been made with a view to illustrating the history, manners, and customs of the Society. The original spelling has been throughout preserved.

Disbursed 1669-70.

	£	s.	d.
For drawing and engrossing Mr. Brickendens and Turnours feofement to severall trustees for Grayes Inne	0	10	0
For torches at the Revills	2	0	0
For lineing the Bench Seate in ye Hall	0	6	6
For a yeares Rent to ye Kinge for the House to Mich. '69 and acquittance	6	13	4
To Hillard ye Carpinter for timber and benches	27	0	0
To Mr. Hoyle and Dawson for theire barr moot	8	0	0
To Mr. Amherst for his Readinge	28	0	0
To Hatton ye Carpinter for payleing about ye Chappell	10	0	0
To Mr. Colbron for readeing prayers 15 weeks	12	0	0
For incloseing ye old Bowleing Alie and worke about ye old Sum̃er house	25	0	0
To Mr. Skipwith for his Readinge	28	0	0
For ye Lecturers gowne	2	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Table Cloathes for ye Hall and Towells and 2 dozen of napkins for ye Bench	9	0	4
10 bottles of sacke extraordinary for to drinke ye Kings health [Hilary term 1669]	1	0	0
Brewers and bakers men box at Xtmas	0	8	0

Disbursed 1670-71.

To Mr. Lane for his Readinge	28	0	0
To the engraver of ye porters badges	1	15	4
For ye branch candle stick	10	0	0
For coach hire for Mr. Otway and Mr. Rigby to goe to the Doctor	0	3	0
For 10 ells and a halfe of holland for a surplice for the Doctor at 5*s.* 6*d.* the ell and for making of it	3	5	6

Disbursed 1671-2.

Paid for the carriage and fees of 2 bucks which came from the Earle of Warwicke	2	5	0

Disbursed 1672-3.

Paid Sir Robert Shafto in full of his reading money	17	11	4

Disbursed 1673-4.

Mr. Rasbury ye Preacher	8	0	0
Dr. Stillingfleete[1] and coachire	5	10	6
Coachire to envite the Judges	0	4	0
Paid Mr. Rasbury ye Minister	7	0	0
Paid Mr. Rigby in full [for reading expenses]	14	0	0
Paid Sir William Jones pro reading money	28	0	0
To Simon Seagar in p̃te pro sheildes	10	0	0
Doctors gowne and scarfe	6	0	10
Chimney money to Lady day '74	6	14	0

Disbursed 1674-5.

Seagar pro sheildes	3	9	0
Seagar pro sheildes	5	0	0
Pd pro clarett pro Sergeants	1	4	0
Dutton ye glasse painter	3	5	0
Pd Bowles pro audit dinner and Serj^ts supper	10	11	0
Dr. Cradock	50	0	0
Canary pro Sergeants	1	8	0
Pd White pro new candlesticke	4	10	0

[1] A later entry specifies that Stillingfleet was retained to preach on Grand Days. Pepys, in 1665, had heard him preach "a most plain, honest, good, grave, sermon, in the most unconcerned and easy yet substantial manner, that ever I heard in my life," and mentions that "the Bishops of Canterbury, London and another" had expressed a belief that he was "the ablest young man to preach the gospel of any since the Apostles." At the time of his visits to Gray's Inn he was rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn, and Preacher at the Rolls Chapel. In 1678 he was made Dean of St. Paul's, and in 1689 Bishop of Worcester.

	£	s.	d
Pd Mr. Holt in full pro reading	18	0	0
Pd Bowler in p̃te of the last grand dayes bill	20	0	0
Pd Mr. Gregory reading money	28	0	0
Spent in wine these two yeares	9	9	1
Disbursed 1675-6.			
Mr. Brewer his allowance as Reader	28	0	0
Wilson for wine spent in Hillary term '75	8	7	6
Mr. Spranger Chappell Reader for his ½ years sallary	3	6	8
Wilson for wine spent in Easter term '76	11	10	6
John Jasburgh for strawberrys in Trinity term '76	1	0	0
Wilson and Hargrave for wine spent in Trinity term '76	10	0	0
Mr. Spranger by Penc̃on Order	12	0	0
Mr. Brooksby Afternoon preacher	20	0	0
Bowler chief Cooke in p̃t of Grand Dayes	50	0	0
Browne for an afternoon sundiall	1	5	0
Disbursed 1676-7.			
Mr. Brooksby Lect[r]	21	0	0
Standish Lect[r]	12	0	0
Poor Cavalers	0	5	0
Maimed Souldiers	0	10	0
Musicions fee	4	0	0
Poor Cavalers	1	10	0
Wine [in four terms]	51	1	8
Strawberrys	1	10	6
Tobacco pipes and ale	0	3	0
Mr. Standish for preaching in the afternoons	9	10	0
Scavingers of the p̃ish	1	0	0
Sir Robert Baldock his allowance as Reader	28	0	0
Mr. Standish for preaching in the afternoons	9	10	0
Disbursed 1678.			
Docter Stillingfleet for preaching on Grand Dayes[1]	5	8	4
Mr. Boughton for preaching on Sunday afternoons	26	0	0
Wine spent on Candlemas Day	22	13	11
Wine spent on Alholland Day	11	10	0
Wine for 4 terms in the hall	50	0	0
Henry Yemes—Tobacco, pipes, &c.	0	10	6
Justice of peace warr[t] pro bastard Child	0	5	0
Lynen for the hall	4	15	0
Wm Browns funerall	2	0	0
Poore	0	14	6
2 Velvet Chushins and Stall cloth	9	18	0
Strawberrys and sider in the Hall	3	9	6
Keepers fee for 2 bucks	2	0	0

[1] The Grand Days fell on certain Church Festivals (see note on p. 244), and naturally the celebration of them included a service in the Chapel.

DISBURSED IN 1679.

	£	s.	d.
For two dozen of bucketts	4	0	0
Strawberrys and 2 bottles of port	1	7	6
Wine in the hall 3 terms and 2 grand days	29	10	0
For publick entertainements both years	24	10	0
To the Trẽrs man for stating and engrossing the accompts and for his charges and payns about the affayrs of the house both yeares	14	0	0

A° 1679.

Debt^r upon this Account.	£	s.	d.	Cred^r.			
For publick entertainments not allowed	24	10	0	For his clerkes paines for his two yeares account	4	0	0
For the Treasurers man not allowed	14	0	0				
For Nich. Starkeys Admission	4	0	0				
	42	10	0				

Mr. Speakers cushin and stall cloth	6	0	0
Scowring the branch candlesticke	0	2	6
Trenchers, wayfers, leamon, and suggar	0	12	5
Transcribing the Penc̃on orders	1	0	0
Brewer and Bakers men box at Xtmas	0	10	0

DISBURSED 1680.

Old debts	621	4	0
Labo^rs at the Fire in Conney Court for powder drink and bucketts &c.	37	3	5
The Kings gunners	5	0	0
Edm. Allin to burry Mr. Faldo	2	0	0

DISBURSED 1681.

To the p̃ish scavingers	1	0	0
To ye vintner att ye flying horse	0	4	0

DISBURSED 1682.

To ye Stew^d for serv^ts board wages	17	10	0
Musicke for Grand day	7	0	0

Memorandum that on the 19th of February, 1682, Wm. Williams Esqr att the auditt in the Library did deliver the sum̃e of seaven hundred and one pound fifteen shillings and one penny the Rem^r att the foot of his account to George Gifford Esqr the succeeding Treasurer and also all bookes and papers relateing to the howse.

GEO: GIFFORD.

Disbursed 1683.

	£	s.	d.
To Wm. Wogan Esq. to bee p̃sented to the Deane of Norwich [1]	5	7	6
To Symon Segar for officers and s̃vants wages pro Easter term	52	17	0
To Rich. Warren in full for the wall ag^{t} the High Walke	54	8	0
To Tho. Segar for cleaning and mending ye Pictures	5	0	0
To Thomas Bowler Cheife Cooke pro Grand Day	66	0	0
To William Edge	130	0	0
To Richard Peyton Ensurance man	10	0	0
To Harry Taylor for the men that helped att the late fire	49	0	0
To Mr. Harris for powder spent att ye fyre	3	0	0
To Capt Thomas for the engineer and souldiers of the Lord Craven	5	0	0

Disbursed 1684.

To Mr. Edge towards building the Library	100	0	0
To Mr. Yeames for ye Glasse Painter for painting ye 5 Serjeants Armes	2	10	0

Disbursed 1685.

To Mr. Tonson pro books	0	5	0
A treat pro the Ld Cheife Justice at Mr. Williams chamber	1	14	0
To Stutsbury pro a hogshead of clarrett	10	7	0
To Tonson the Stationer pro Bibles and Cõmon Prayer books	7	19	6
To Blundell the Joyner in p̃te pro the Lybrary	10	0	0
More to Blundell pro the Lybrary	50	0	0
To Wildman pro the Chaires in the Lybrary	11	13	0
More to Blundell pro the Lybrary	30	0	0

Disbursed 1686.

To Edge in p̃te	19	0	0
To Young pro chimney peices in the Library	15	0	0
To Young in full for the chimney peeces	6	0	0

Disbursed 1687.

To Pledwell for claret whitewine flasks and oyl	14	18	3
To ye Ld Cravens men etc. for sev'all engines etc.	45	10	0
By Mr. Williams to the Labourers at the fire	26	0	0
To Snell for gunpowder	3	0	0
Pro wine at the Castle Tavern	5	12	9
Severall bills from ye Castle	25	18	0
For wine at the Mitre in Stocks Market	19	0	0
To a poor prisoner	0	5	0

Disbursed 1689.

Pd the gardiner pro makeing the blacke walke and setting the quick sett	4	0	0
Pd pro 4 coppys of the Suggestion and prohibition	0	4	0

[1] See p. 71. The Dean had preached on the autumn Grand Day—All Saints' Day.

	£	s.	d.
Pd Mr. Beasely for 9½ doz. of claret 8½ dozen of white wine and 3 dozen and 4 pints of sacke	12	16	0
Pd Mr. Pingree of the petty bagg office his bill	2	14	0

Disbursed 1690.

To Bartlet for bell and wheel	6	12	6
Paid for redemption of captives	0	10	0
To Blundell for gates in Chappell Court	2	0	0
To Mr. Agar for prohibiĉon and informaĉon ag^t now erected cottages neare Grayes Inn	3	4	6
To Tonson for bookes	3	0	0

Disbursed 1690-2.

Gave to sev'all poor persons as the Lady Hastings Mr. Keeling Mrs. Capell and one of my Lord Rawlinsons comendaĉon and to workemen to drink for letters and other necessaryes for the house	1	5	0
To Bernard for pallisadoes	35	0	0
For ye diall in Holbourne Court	3	12	6

Disbursed 1692-4.

For coach hire to attend Ld Ch: Justice Holt and Ld Comm^r Hutchins sev'all times	0	2	6
To John Curtis for repaireing the north wall of the Terrace Walke and gardiners house etc.	105	17	0

Disbursed 1694-6.

To Griffith brazier for brass sconces in ye Hall	6	10	0
To Mr. Vernatty for Lamp Lights	21	3	0
Officers and servants wages Hillary '94	70	14	3
Given to a French refugee	0	1	6
Gave to the Lady Windham being very poor	0	5	0
For a new diall in Conny Court	9	10	0
For coach hire severall times to ye Bank	0	6	0
For 24 prayer bookes	0	6	0
To Mr. Preist the postman	0	5	0
To Mr. Vernatty for Lamp lights	15	0	0
For the loss by the fall of gold [1]	32	2	0

Disbursed 1696-8.

To the gardiner for 102 lime trees and planting and six hundred quick and setting	7	7	0
To a stone cutter for setting upp stones for the bounds of the house in Warwick buildings	1	12	6
To John Beaver for the King's Taxes	92	8	6

[1] The loss was, probably, due to the Recoinage Act, passed in January, 1696, by which the old clipped coins of Elizabeth and James I were withdrawn from circulation.

	£	s.	d.
To Kirkham for Taxes uncollected	13	3	2
For three Barre Stampes in Hillary terme 1697[1]	6	0	0
To Mr. Bacon an indigent member of the Society	1	17	0
For two quarts of coffe for ye Judges on the Grand Day	0	1	4

DISBURSED 1698-1700.

To John Curtis ye house bricklayer att three sev'all paym^ts^ for repaireing the Chappell	290	0	0
To Ed. Brandon for a Comunion Table carved	2	0	0
To Mr. Miller for cloth for the pewes Comunion Table and porters gown	15	3	0
To Mr. Berkly for gold fringe for ye Comunion Cloth	3	0	0
To Dr. Wake by order of Pension	45	0	0
To Preist and Alderson Letter Carriers for eight termes att 10^s^ per terme	4	0	0
To Mr. Turner for a motion in ye Exchequer upon ye Lady Mathewes buisness	0	17	6
To Mr. Swaine for ingrossing answers to ye Lady Mathewes bill	0	13	6
To Barron Hatsell for eight answers in ye Exchequer to ye aforesaid bill	0	8	0
To Herick ye Stationer for Psalme Books	1	14	0
To Mr. Agar upon Mr. Randolphs buisness	2	3	0
To Mr. Williams upon the demur against Mr. Randolph	1	1	6
Paid upon acc^t^ of Sir Rich: Gipps appeale att Serj^ts^ Inne	3	3	0
To Mr. Northey upon ye demur against Mr. Randolph	1	1	6
Given to sev'll poore distressed persons well recomended as objects of charity in two yeares	3	17	0
To John Curtis bricklayer in part for over worke about ye Chappell	20	0	0

DISBURSED 1700-1.

To a Japan box and black box for secureing the house writeings	0	13	0
To coach hire for the Bench to Westm^r^ and back to attend the Serj^ts^	0	6	6
To wine for Mr. Trear of the Inner Temple and others	5	0	0
To Mr. Tushingham Atturney his bill	10	1	6
To the cook for Serjeants Supper	10	10	0
To Councell pro swearing Mr. Cook's answer to Sr John Mathews bill	0	18	0
To Segar for takeing down the picture in the Hall	0	2	6
To ye clarke for drawing and entring the accounts[2]	3	0	0

DISBURSED 1701-3.

Given Mr. Keyling an indigent son of ye Ld Chiefe Justice Keyling	0	10	0
P^d^ Mr. Tushingham towards his bill of charges in Sir John Mathews cause	5	7	6
P^d^ Councells fees to Mr. Turner and others in that cause. Mr. Brown took no fees	3	4	6

[1] The first instance of this duty.

[2] Exceptions were taken to the accounts for 1700-1 on the ground that no vouchers were delivered to the auditors, that one item was charged twice, that the clerk's fee should have been £2 instead of £3 and that the account was not left in the Steward's Room two whole days to be viewed.

	£	s.	d.
P^d the Trēars clerke for writing breviats for Sir John Mathews cause	1	2	6
P^d for wire lattices to preserve ye arms in ye Chappell windows	0	15	0
Provisions for ye supper when ye Bench of ye Inner Temple were entertained	28	19	0
P^d Mr. Brownjohn vintner a bill for wine	37	13	6
P^d the 3rd and 4th years dutys on ye windows charged on the severall owners of chambers in the house and cannot yet be collected	25	0	0
P^d Sir John Mathews in full for 30 years arrear of the Fee Farm Rent of 6^li 13^s 4^d due to date Michas 1701 and of all costs etc.	100	0	0
Paid Mr. Room undertaker for the use of silver sconces at the entertainment of the Inner Temple	1	0	0
Paid Mr. Fowles and Wootton goldsmiths for exchange of plate and the head of ye porters staff	18	3	0
To Broadheads son for making a catalogue of the books in ye Library and placing them in order	3	4	6
To Wm. Price Glass-painter his bill for Glass-painting in the Hall and Chappell windows as per bill	15	16	6
To Walcot joyner for wainscotting ye chamber over ye Stocks	2	16	0
For 8 yards of callicoe for curtains for ye chappell windows	0	12	0
For two chaffin dishes p̃sented to Mr. Brown he not taking any fees in Sir J. Mathews cause	9	18	0
For 10 yards of Holland for a surplice for ye Chappell	2	5	0
To Sir John Mathews one years fee farm rent due Michas 1702	6	13	4
Given Rich: Briggs a Servt in the Hall being very sick	0	10	0
Given Capt Crow upon the Bishop of Londons recomendac̃on	0	2	0
Given Sir Thomas Gleen a decayed gent. formerly a member of this House	0	10	0
Given Mr. Keyling L^d Ch: Justice Keyling's son	0	10	0

Disbursed 1703-4.

Given Dr. Manningham [1] for preaching on the Grand Day	2	11	0
Paid for musick for that day and the night before	6	0	0
Paid for 3 stamps for 3 admittances for 3 gent. admitted by the Judges then	0	6	0
Paid Brownjohn vintner in full for wine on the Grand Day and for bottles lost then	23	5	0
Paid Digby Miller his bill in full for provisions on the Grand Day	33	11	0
Paid Clerke poulterer in full of his bill for the Grand Day	16	12	6
Paid Anne Walker fishmonger in full of her bill for the Grand Day	5	6	0
Paid for measuring ye trees in the Walks blown down with the great wind	0	5	0
Paid Sr John Mathews his fee farm rent due Mich: 1703	6	13	4
Paid Curtis, bricklayer, for repairs done after the great storm	2	1	0
Paid two men for digging gravell 11 days at 1^s 6^d per day	1	13	0
To Borham upholsterer for a Persian carpet for the Ladys gallery	5	7	6
Charity money [various items] [total]	20	10	0
Paid Mr. Serjeant Agar for drawing the plea to Mr. Clarkes action against ye Treasurer for locking up his door	2	3	0

[1] Thomas Manningham was at this time Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn. In 1709 he was made Bishop of Chichester.

An Account of the Plate belonging to the Society now in the custody of John Beaver, Chief Butler, and produced at the auditt above written.[1]

The Communion Plate.

Two flaggons — Two challices — One patten

Plate belonging to the Hall.

One bason	Sixteen spoons
One ewer	One monteth[2]
One goblet	Two tankards
Four candlesticks	Two bowls with covers
Two great salts and one little salt	Two salvers
Twelve forks	One pair of snuffers and box to it.

Disbursed 1704-5.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr. Wynne for a diall	5	0	0
Paid Mr. Tonson for a large Bible for ye Chappell	3	10	0
Paid John Curtis, bricklayer, for mending ye wall next Bedford Row and other work	34	0	0
Paid Mr. Vernatty in for the convex lights	33	8	0
To Thomas Clarke one of ye porters at ye gate for his charges and loss of time being arrested and carryed to prison uppon ye account of doeing his duty for ye service of ye house	4	4	0

Disbursed 1705-6.

Paid for excise of 34 barrells of Beer	2	11	0
Paid Mr. Buddle (Reader) his ½ yeares sallery	3	6	8
Paid Broadhead 2nd butler and library keeper	6	11	8
Paid for serving wine the 1st of November [Grand Day]	0	10	0
Paid Mr. Samuel Streater grantee of Sr John Mathewes, his fee farm rent due Mich. 1705	6	13	4
Paid for carrying the Scriptore to my chamber	0	5	0
Paid for coffee in the Library	0	5	0
Paid Joseph Budd upholsterer for the furniture of the Benchers Roome	5	3	6

Disbursed 1706-7.

Paid Beaver steward by order of Penc̃on for transcribing the orders in the great book	12	0	0
Paid Wm. Chamberlaine joyner the 1st payment on articles for wainscotting the Hall	20	0	0
Paid Arne upholsterer for cushions and for covering ye benches in ye Hall	4	15	0
Paid for the shield in the Hall	1	5	0

[1] See order on p. 140. From this date onwards a list of the plate is given in the ledgers with each year's accounts.

[2] Monteth was, says Johnson (from the name of the inventor), a bowl in which glasses were washed. Cripps says it was a punch bowl, brought to table with glasses inside.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Chamberlaine ye joyner the remainder due to him for wainscoating ye Hall	47	13	0
Paid Chamberlaine joyner for farther worke done in the Hall	17	19	0
Paid Hichens goldsmith for two silver basons for the use of the chappell	7	18	6
Paid Osbourne, stationer, for two Bibles for the Chappell	1	16	0
For cherryes in the Library when I audited my accounts	0	0	3
For glass painting Serj: Bennett's and Serj: Chetham's armes in the Hall	1	11	6

Disbursed 1707-8.

Paid Segar for cleaning the pictures	0	10	0
Paid him more for refreshing the arms	0	10	0
Paid Mr. James Close Attorney for law charges	11	0	0
Paid for musick on the Grand Day and Satturday night before	7	10	0
Paid for a bottle of wine on the admittance of a gentleman	0	2	0
For 3 stamps for the 3 gent. that were admitted by the Judges on the Grand Day	0	6	6

Disbursed 1708-9.

Paid Mr. Horseley Sollicitor in full of his bill	14	0	0
Gave to Mr. Horseley to give to Sr Jos. Jeykill Mr. Jennings and Mr. Raymond	6	9	0
Paid Mr. Close a bill for law charges in an inditement and action against Bunyon [the gardener]	19	17	0
Paid to Mr. Serjeant Agar for drawing the declaration and prohibition	2	3	0
Paid Mr. Harvey Sollicitor in Parliament a bill	8	15	0
Given to the relief of old Segar	0	10	0
Paid the churchwardens towards the charge of fire cocks and pluggs being charged upon the Society	0	15	0
Gave to Mr. Serj. Agar a fee by order of the Bench	2	3	0

Disbursed 1709-10.

Paid Weston for new window curteins in the Chappell	2	3	10
Paid Harcourt in full of his bill for strawburyes	2	19	0
Paid Weston by order of the Bench for writing and other trouble in the Parliament business	2	3	0
Paid Mr. Harvey the Sollicitor in Parliament	5	7	6

Disbursed 1710-11.

Paid Price the glazier for glass painting and mending the coats in the Hall	6	16	0
Paid Mr. Close Attorney at law in full of his bill	36	10	0
Paid for carrying the Escritore to Mr. Howes Chamber	0	2	0

Disbursed 1712-13.

Payd Weston for two new surplices and makeing	6	0	0
Payd Bunyon the gardiner for greens in the Hall	0	15	0

Disbursed 1713-14.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for coffee in the Bench room	0	1	0
Paid Mrs. Buddle per order to fitt up her chamber	5	0	0

Disbursed 1714-15.

Payd Harcourt his bill for strawberrys in Trinity terme and for 6 earthen plates	2	12	0
Payd for officers and servants wages and other allowances for Hillary term 1714	74	1	10
Payd the steward his house bill for Hillary term 1714	21	19	0
Payd Bunyon for trees in the Hall	0	17	0
Payd Jacob Tonson for printing cases relating to the restraining of building	3	8	6
Payd for wine and bread when the Ld Chief Justice was at the Library	1	13	6

May ye 16, 1716.

An Inventory of all pewter brass and other goods in the kitchen belonging to ye Honble Society of Gray's Inn now under ye care and in the custody of Bowler Miller, Chiefe Cooke:

Two 12^lb^ dishes, five 10^lb^ dishes, six 7^lb^ dishes, six 5^lb^ dishes three 4^lb^ dishes, 27 mess dishes, 18 three parts, 16 two parts, 6 single parts, 18 mazereens of severall sorts, 8 deep dishes, 8 dozen plates, 2 cheese plates, 6 pye plates of severall sorts, 1 pasty plate, 18 porringers, 36 saucers, 24 spoones, 5 fish panns of severall sorts, 18 flatt and deep saucepans, 3 porrage potts, 1 bell mettle pott, 1 brass kettle, 2 cullenders 2 fish plates, 2 tinn cullenders, 14 spitts, one pair of racks, 6 large spitts, 8 patty pans, 24 iron trevetts and 2 large ones for ye dripping pans, 3 iron dripping pans, one pair of iron racks, 3 grid irons, 2 cleavers, 12 tin covers, 3 range shovells, 2 mincing knives, 2 common knives, 2 skymers, 2 frying pans, 5 brass dishes, one bread grater, 1 iron peel for ye oven, 3 oven lidds, one coale rake, 1 pair of scales and some weights, 2 lanthorns, 6 ladles and one copper etc.

Disbursed 1716-17.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Thomas Weston for 31 ells of holland for 3 surplices, 20 ells att 5^s^ and 11 at 6^s^ per ell	8	6	0
Paid a person for singing psalms	0	7	6

Disbursed 1717-18.

Paid a bill for oyle and colours for painting ye pales cross Cony Court, don by ye scavenger	2	18	9
Paid for to make upp a year for ye Window tax ending 1716, being ye new duty	12	14	0
Paid for ye loss of gould being guineas	1	14	9
Paid Mr. Jones Reader his old and new sallery to the end of Easter term 1718	10	16	8

	£	s.	d.
Paid for mending ye water bucketts belonging to Lincolns Inne	1	5	6
Paid for mending Bernards Inn bucketts	0	13	0
Paid for mending Grayes Inn bucketts	0	18	0
Paid a man for takeing down ye weather cock	0	2	0
Paid for brandy to those who assisted at ye fire	0	12	0
Paid to ye foremen of ye 2 Insurance Offices	4	0	0
Paid to Mr. Hind's engine	3	4	6
Paid to St. Andrews engine	1	0	0
Paid to St. Giles engine	1	0	0
Paid to Brownjohn's engine	0	15	0
Paid to Mr. Sares man for placeing ye bookes in ye Library	1	1	6

Disbursed 1718-19.

Paid to severall persons for watching about the house when ye fire was in Jockey feilds	0	8	0
Paid Mr. Jones Chappell Reader his sallery from Trin: term 1718	9	3	4
For a bonfire on ye Pr: of Wales birthday	0	16	0
For 3 bonfires ye 4th 5th and 17th of November 1718	2	8	0

Disbursed 1719-21.

For a bonfire on ye King's birthday	0	16	0
Gave to ye workmen y^t sett up the sundial in Coney Court	0	1	0
Paid for a bonfire on ye King's coronation	0	16	0
For a bonfire on ye King's arrivall	0	16	0
Paid for coffee and pipes	0	1	6
Paid for poles to fence in Bacon's Mount in ye Upper Walkes	0	15	0
Paid for fewell in the Library att 3 meetings	0	4	0
Paid for writing a catalouge of the Library bookes	0	10	0
Paid for a bonfire on Queen Elizabeth's birthday	0	14	0
Paid for 8 load of coal ashes for ye gardener [1]	1	4	0
Paid Henry Smith for a new nomen for the sun dial in Coney Court and for repaireing ye same	4	14	0
For fewell in ye Bench room	0	2	6
Paid for half a years rent for the New River water to Christmas 1720	5	0	0
For fetching river water into the kitchen in ye hard frost Hill: term 1720	0	1	6
Paid interest for 6 month for £100 advanced to Dr. Moss Dean of Ely being in part of what was due to him from the Society	2	10	0
Paid fees att Hicks Hall on the acc^t of the gardiner's boy being indited for an assault to wch he pleaded guilty	1	15	0
Paid John Platt for a large fire engine and one little hand engine with all materialls therto and 18 bucketts	53	0	0

Disbursed 1721-3.

For a silver tip to ye under porter's staff	0	6	0
Paid Stare ye Robe maker for 2 porters gowns	9	15	0

[1] The ashes were used to make the paths known as the "black walks."

	£	s.	d.
Paid for broadcloth to line a seat in the Chappell for ye Cheife Justice Prat's lady by Mr. Metcalfes order	4	10	0
Paid for lobsters and crabbs for ye Grand Day in Easter term 1722	1	7	6
Gave the men to drink who sett up the wether cock on ye Hall	0	1	0
Paid Westbrook ye smith for the iron worke for ye fine[1] on ye top of ye Hall	4	7	6
Paid Rowles ye copper smith for ye fane[1] and Griffin and other work on ye top of ye Hall	4	0	0
Paid Mr. Robinson silversmith a bill for the change of old plate and for new	0	11	8
Paid Mary Nickolls for greens in the Chappell	0	2	6
To Mr. Minshall a decayed Barrister of ye Society	5	0	0

PLATE BELONGING TO THE HALL.

One bason	one monteth	one caster for sugar
one ewer	two tankards	one ladle or soupe spoon
one goblett	two bowles with covers	2 scoop or marrow spoons
four candlesticks	two salvers	one orange strainer
six smal salts	one pair of snuffers and box	one little mustard spoon
14 forks	one caster for pepper	
16 spoons	one caster for mustard	

DISBURSED 1723-4.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for an iron roller for ye Walkes	8	14	0
Paid Mr. John Metcalfe, jun: a bill for law charges	59	15	0
Paid a bill for jessamines and 54 yards of thrift	1	8	5
Paid Bunyan, gardener for levelling gravelling and beautifying Coney Court	70	0	0

DISBURSED 1724-5.

Paid Dan. Bunyan gardener for elm trees lime trees and privetts poles 3 ladders and wyre	24	4	10
For fewell and candles in ye Bench room	0	2	0
Paid for a sett of boots for ye horse to draw the roller in the Walkes	1	4	0
Paid for removing ye Scriptore to ye Bench roome	0	2	0

DISBURSED 1725-7.

Paid Mr. Gyles and Mr. Williamson booksellers a bill for books for the Library	94	3	6
Paid Tho. Osbourn stationer a bill for bookes for ye Library	45	3	0
For soadering ye Griffin on the porters staff	0	3	6
Paid Richard Williamson, Fletcher Gyles and Thomas Osbourn in part for books for the Library	80	0	0
Paid the New River Company for water to Christmas 1725	5	0	0

[1] Fane is, of course, vane. Fine, unless a scribal error for fane, is, probably, finial.

	£	s.	d.
For ye dinners of gent. invited on ye Grand Days 1st Nov: and 2nd Feb: 1725	0	4	0
Paid 4 men for emptying water out of the cellar and buttry and other places and to drink	0	7	6
Mr. Gyles Mr. Williams and Mr. Osbourn being the ballance of their acc^tt for bookes makeing a catalouge and placing ye same and for bookes wch they allowed for on acc^tt	31	10	6
Paid into the Hand and Hand Insurance Fire Office for insureing £1,000 on the Chappell, Hall and Kitchen for 7 years from ye 13th Dec: 1726	6	10	10
Paid for coffee and tea, chocolate, butter and bread in ye Library	0	7	0
Paid for oranges and lemons at the Bench table Easter term 1727	0	5	0
Bunyan gardener towards makeing the sesspools in the Walks and levelling ye ground at ye end of the Chapell	1	8	6
Paid two men for throwing rubbish into ye gravell pitt in ye Walks	0	10	0

Disbursed 1727-8.

For severall gentlemen's dinners y^t were invited to dine at the Bench table on Grand day	0	9	0
Paid Bunyan for trees and fitting ye garden at ye East end of the Chappell £2 7*s.* 0*d.* and for trees and work about ye garden on ye south side of the Chappell	3	15	6
Paid for a charcoal fire in the Hall and buttry to dry ye same	0	12	6
A bill for wireing the great window in the Hall for the better preservation of ye same	9	17	0
Paid Bunyan a bill for trees to stand in the Hall	0	15	0
Paid for a coffin for Mr. Minshall	2	0	0
Paid towards his funerall	3	0	0

Disbursed 1728-9.

Paid a person for goeing to Hampstead	0	1	0
Aprill 9th, 1729. Paid Mrs. Cartwright for 3 bott: of red port in ye Library	0	5	0
,, Paid Mr. Young for 3 qts redd 2 pts white and for 2 pts sack in ye Library	0	9	8
,, For bread beer chees oranges lemons sugar charcoal and other fewell in the Library	0	12	0
,, Paid for 6 qts French wine from Horners in the Library	1	10	0
Item tobaco and pipes	0	0	8
For 108 loads of sifted sea coal ashes at 3*s.* and for work in digging up and new laying the 2 black walks and for carrying away 4 loads of rubbish	18	2	6
Paid the prem: and intrest on 10 South Sea Bonds att £100 each bought for ye society at sev^ll times and for brokeridge	39	14	8
Paid the purchase-money for Blowers staircase in Holbourn Court as per order of ye 11th Feb: 1728	200	0	0
Paid Tho. Osbourn bookseller a bill for books sent into ye Library	27	0	0

Disbursed 1729-30.

	£	s.	d.
Paid the proprietors of the lamps for 20 lamps from the 1st of September 1729 to the 1st of May 1730 att £2 per lamp	40	0	0

Disbursed 1730-1.

Paid for 2 bottles of St. Sebastian wine	0	11	0
Paid on ye acctt of a woman yt was found dead in ye staircase No. 7 Coney Court 26th Dec: 1730 for her burial	1	16	4
Paid for a tun of Scots coal for ye Library and ½ a chaldron of sea coal	2	8	10
Paid Mr. Warren upholder a bill for ye new furniture for ye chappell	163	0	0
Paid to make up 9 South Sea bonds	4	18	0
Brokeridge for selling £900 in bonds	0	9	0
Paid at ye Kings Head Tavern at 2 meetings there with ye Benchers of ye Inner Temple and Gray's Inn	1	0	3
To severall gent: who preached as candidates	12	12	0

Disbursed 1731-3.

Paid Price ye glass painter in part for ye Lord Raymonds coat of arms in ye Hall window	5	5	0
For plants and greens to stand in ye Hall for Easter and Trin: term 1732	1	7	0
Coach hire into ye city and back severall times	0	2	0
Paid ye heirs of Mr. Streater for a years quit rent for ye Society to Lady day 1733	6	13	4
Thos: Osbourn for books sent into ye Library and Prayer books for ye Chappell	50	0	0
Paid severall persons for washing the screen after ye plaisterers	0	2	0
For painting Sir Wm. Williams coat of arms and fixing ye same in ye Hall windows and for removeing other old coats of arms into ye other windows	5	16	0
Paid for 100 of tenter hooks to fix on ye stocks	0	1	0

Disbursed 1733-5.

Paid for oranges and lemons used at ye Bench table for cool tankards	0	14	0
Paid for sugar there	0	6	6
Paid for oyle there	0	12	0
Paid for cucumbers there	0	6	10
Paid Mr. Hall for ½ a chest of Florence and bringing home	1	14	6
Paid for 12 flasks of French clarrett and bringing home	2	9	0
Paid Mr. Banyer, Afternoon Preacher, his sallery for Easter and Trinity terms 1733	20	0	0
Paid into the Hand and Hand Fire Office for renewing ye two policies for insureing the Hall and Chappell and Kitchen for 7 years from Xtmas 1733 being ye ballance due to the office	2	13	7
To one of ye drawers at ye Castle tavern yt assisted in ye Hall on ye Grand Day	0	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Paid at ye Inrollm^t^ Office for inrolling ye deed for purchaseing ye fee farm rent and for stamps	1	16	6
Paid Mr. Gylby's man for ingrossing ye deed of purchase for ye fee farm rent stamps and parchment	0	13	6
Paid coach hire for ye Bench to Guild-hall and back	0	2	0
Paid severall men for emptying rain water out of sellar buttry etc., after a great storm 23 June 1734	0	6	6
Allowed the steward for ye dinners of severall Benchers invited to dine at ye Bench table on ye Grand Days Mich: and Hill: 1733 Easter and Trin: 1734	0	5	0
Paid for a silver peddestall to ye head of ye porter's staff	0	14	6
Paid Mr. Streater Ellis for the purchase of the fee farm rent of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann: paid yearly by the Society	180	0	0

Disbursed 1735-6.

Coach hire and expences in going into ye City to receive the interest money on the bonds	0	2	6
Paid at the Griffin tavern for two bottles Champaign	0	13	0
Paid Mr. Laycon for costs taxed in ye cause Harling ag^t^ Daws	9	10	0
Expended on ye account of ye woman y^t^ was taken up on suspition of stealing ye sun dial	0	8	0
For 12 flasks of French clarett and bringing home	2	12	0
For 4 pints Madera at ye Griffin	0	3	4
For trees to plant in ye walks and for mould lome and labour proper for ye same	8	13	0
Paid for a sand-box and three ink glasses	0	1	0
Paid for holly and other greens for ye Chappell at Xmas last	0	3	0
Paid for 2 bonfires on ye arrivall of ye Princess of Wales and ye other on ye 11th of June 1736	1	4	0
Paid Mr. Parsons for 12 bottles Port	1	0	0
Paid Mr. Fuller for ye purchase of the ground chamber and garretts in the old paper building in Holborn Court	40	0	0
Paid Mr. Morland a bill of charges for passing the fine for ye fee farm rent which the House purchased of Mr. Streater Ellis and others	7	12	6
Paid Mr. Wm. Dent several bills for charges in the cause of Harling and ye p̃ish of Saint Andrews and in ye cause of Butler ag^t^ Beaver and about Dickenson the coach maker, a tenant	38	13	5

Disbursed 1736-9.

Paid for a bottle French clarett from Nortons Coffee House	0	4	0
Paid for 12 bottles French claret and bringing home	2	9	0
Paid Ja: Nicholls carrying the French wine back to be changed	0	1	0
Paid the sev^l^ watchmen from 23 July 1736 to 20th Feb. 1736 at 1^s^ per night each	32	16	0
Paid at sev^l^ meetings when the inhabitants in Warwick Court had their goods seized for non-payment of ye poors rate	0	1	6

	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr. Brougham for 12 bottles of French wine 6 of Hermitage and 6 Clarett	1	18	0
Paid Mr. Keith for 12 bottles Madeira and bringing home	1	1	0
Paid Nat: Hedges on account of ye stone posts and ye pavement in Coney Court at 2 payments	90	0	0
Paid for a dozen of ivory handle forks of ye best sort	0	13	0
Paid for 2 dozen port wine from Parsons	2	0	0
Paid for 13 quarts French claret from Parsons	2	12	6
Paid for a bottle of sack in the Library when ye Masters in Chancery met	0	2	6
Paid Mr. Milward for ye purchase of Kites House and some ground in George Yard Holborn	262	10	0
Paid a woman that lookt after a child that was dropt in Coney Court	0	1	6
Paid ye Hand in Hand Office for ye insurance on ye new buildings in Holborn Court	11	8	10
For an Oxford almanack for ye Chapell	0	1	0
For a dinner in the Library ye 13th Decr 1738	3	2	3
Paid Thos Johnson smith wch with £400 paid before is in full for the iron rails set up in Coney Court	87	6	7
Paid for a little table to stand by ye fire in the Hall	0	4	0
Paid Dawes bricklayer on acc^t of ye new building in Holborn Court	150	0	0
Paid Dawes ye bricklayer on acc^t	100	0	0
Paid Dawes more on acc^t	200	0	0
" " " "	200	0	0
Paid Philmore in full of a bill for the new buildings in Holborn Court	119	3	0
Paid Dawes in full for the bricklayer and plasterer's work at the new buildings	155	12	0

Disbursed 1739-41.

Paid a messenger going to Mr. Chessulup[1] at Hampstead	0	2	6
Paid Gyles for Whitlock's Memoirs	1	1	0
Paid Sheffield a bill for ye Hall and for greens for the Chappell	0	9	6
For 12 water plates for ye Bench	3	0	0
Given by direction of the Bench to poor inhabitants in the hard frost	50	0	0

Disbursed 1741-4.

For charcoal firing in the Hall and Buttery to dry and air the same several days before going into Commons	0	10	0
Paid for a bookcase in ye Bench room	0	19	6
Paid for three pound and a half of anchovies	0	5	10
Paid for a bottle of Mosell	0	2	6
Gave to ye officers of ye Inner and Middle Temples by order	0	12	0
Paid for taking down ye Hall pictures	0	1	0
Paid for trees and plants in ye Hall Easter and Trinity terms 1743	1	10	6
Paid getting Guest in ye Hospitall	1	8	6
Paid for a wooden hammer for ye Hall	0	0	6

[1] Chessulup was responsible for the rent of the Duchy office which was in arrear.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Alder scowering ye Hall wainscot after whitewashers	0	18	0
For wiring the Hall windows	7	16	0
Paid for 12 chairs for the Hall	9	12	0
Paid Philmore on account of flooring the Hall	150	8	0
Paid for hat screws in ye Hall	0	18	0
Paid Lovet ye painter a bill for varnishing ye Hall	8	16	0
Paid for ye Hall grate	13	7	0
Paid Philmore in further part for work done in ye Hall	60	0	0

Disbursed 1744-5.

Paid for carrying ye pictures to Westminster	0	5	0
Paid for fetching ye pictures from Westminster	0	5	0
Paid Mr. Ellis for cleaning and mending ye Hall pictures and to a person that attended putting them up	14	3	6

Disbursed 1745-6.

Paid porters . . . when the buildings adjoyning to the Hall were pulled down	0	11	0
Paid . . . for watching at the works adjoyning to ye Hall Dutchy Office and the other buildings lately pulled down [1]	1	1	0
Paid porters for carrying ye books [2] to and fro from the severall places where they were kept	0	4	0

Disbursed 1746-7.

For a bonfire 25 July on the Duke of Cumberland's arrivall	0	12	0
For 9 dozen of earthen salts	0	9	9
For seven bonfires 11th and 25th Oct: for the victory over ye French ships, 30th Oct., 4th, 5th, 17th and 19th Nov: at 12-6	4	7	6
For bread and beer at Library at Pentions and meetings	0	1	6

Disbursed 1747-8.

Paid for two bottles of port from Mr. Chalies in Mich: 1747 that could not be returned and was refused by ye gent: in ye Hall the next term	0	3	4
Paid for coffee in the Library when the Bench met	0	2	0
Paid into ye hands of Child and C^o per order 29th June 1748	600	0	0
Paid for ye purchase of 7 houses in Bishops Head Court	500	0	0
Bread and beer in ye Library at Pentions and meetings	0	1	6
Paid for a carpet at the Communion Table	5	15	6

Disbursed 1749-1750.

Allowed Mr. Child and Co. being what they paid Mr. Croft ye broker for six East India Bonds purchased for the Society	600	0	0

[1] The words "lately pulled down" refer, of course, only to the "other buildings"; not to the Hall or the Duchy Office.

[2] *I.e.*, the Steward's books. See note on p. 252. He appears to have been without a permanent office for some time prior to 29th May, 1746.

	£	s.	d.
Interest 26 days	1	14	1
Premium at 2s 11d each	15	6	0
Commission	0	6	0
Paid for two pair of brass candlesticks and two pair of snuffers bought by ye Treasurer for ye Hall	1	3	0
For bread and beer at Pentions in the Library	0	3	6
Paid for wine used in ye Hall as signed in the Book this term	21	8	2
Paid Hedges ye mason for work done at the Hall by agreement	93	0	0
Paid ye carpenter a bill for work done at ye Library	19	0	0
Gave the beadle who took a child that was dropt in the Inn to the workhouse	0	2	6
Paid a porter watching to see Sr Alexander Cumyns out of his chamber in order to padlock same up	0	1	0

DISBURSED 1750-1751.

Paid for ye entertainment of the Parish Officers etc. on possioning day	2	2	0
Paid Gorham bricklayer on account of work at ye new buildings in Holborn Court	300	0	0
Paid Philmore and Co., carpenters, on same account	200	0	0
Paid Mr. Keene on account of surveying ye new building	50	0	0
Paid Mr. Gorham on account of bricklayers' work done there	300	0	0
Paid Dr. Stebbing what he paid for a surplice	4	18	6
Paid for coffee and tea in Library on Grand day	0	4	0

DISBURSED 1751-2.

Paid the accountant[1] for making a new catalogue of ye books by order	5	5	0
Paid for carpenters work done at No 4 Holborn Court	176	8	0
For work done at the Library	35	14	0
Paid for 42 whole commoners and 62 half-commoners as signed on the comons roll being the House allowance for commons in the Hall this term	5	11	8
For extraordinarys at the Bench table this term	2	4	4
For house dishes as signed in the book	3	15	4
Paid a porter going several times to Sr Alexander Cumyns to ye Fleet and attending at Chambers in order to sell the books etc. towards paying his rent	0	3	0
Paid for ye curbs in Coney Court	37	10	0
Paid the Steward being an extraordinary allowance of 6d a mess for 7 mess on Grand Day	0	3	6

DISBURSED 1752-3.

Paid Mr. Pyne for engraving the arms of the Society for the books in the Library	3	15	0
Paid Harrison plaisterer at new buildings Holborn Court	76	5	0
Paid for 4 geese for Bench and Barr on Grand Day	0	18	0
Paid for iron rails at ye south side of the Hall	20	12	0

[1] *I.e.*, the under-steward, who was keeping the accounts.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Dryhurst for carving done on the first floor in ye new buildings Holborn Court	6	0	0
An allowance of 8 mess on Grand Day for geese instead of beef at 6^d	0	4	0

Disbursed 1753-4.

Paid advertizing lectures in Evening Post	0	3	0
Paid printing 1000 papers for law lectures	1	1	0
Paid Dryhurst a bill for carving done at ye new buildings Holborn Court	9	0	0
Allowance for 9 mess and ½ on Grand Day for ducks instead of beef	0	4	9
Paid for callicoe for curtains at ye Chaple	1	8	0
Paid Mr. Pickering his allowance as lecturer	60	0	0
Paid him as a present by order of Pencon	20	0	0
An allowance for 12 mess on Grand Day for capons instead of beef	0	6	0

Disbursed 1755-6.

Paid Mr. Hicks and Langley Surgeons for reviewing and examining Mr. Lewis's body on his being found dead in his chamber by Mr. Garden's order	4	4	0
Paid the coroner attending then	1	1	0
Paid mending powdering tub	0	7	0
Paid Hedges, mason, a bill at Chaple	40	14	0
Paid Gorham, bricklayer, a bill at Chaple	161	5	0
Paid watching a night when ye sewer broke in Coney Court and 3 nights when ye Chaple was repairing	0	4	0
Paid Alexander, upholsterer for work at the Chaple	33	4	0
Paid Young and Co. carpenters ye rem^r of ye Chaple bill	160	0	0
Paid Harrison plaisterer a bill at ye Chaple	41	19	0
Paid Lovet, glazier, a bill at ye Chaple	16	3	6
For bonfires vizt: ye day ye King landed, 22 Oct:, 4, 5, 10, 17 and 20 Nov: at 13^s	4	11	0

Disbursed 1756-7.

A bill for carving about the Treasurers arms in the Chapel	3	15	0
A bill for staining ye Master of the Rolls's arms	10	12	6
For entertainment of Parish Officers and boys on their perambulation	2	2	0
An allowance of 10 mess on Grand Day for capons and sauceages instead of beef at 1^s	0	10	0

Disbursed 1757-8.

Paid printing lecture papers 1756 and 1757	2	0	0
Advertizing lectures	0	2	0
Paid for bread and beer at supper in the Library when Mr. Forster went out Serjeant	0	5	0
Paid for wax candles in the Library when Mr. Serj^t Forster supped there	0	14	2
Paid for cherrys in the Library	0	0	8
Paid for sconces etc. in ye Library when Mr. Forster supped	1	5	6
Paid for wine used in ye hall this terme [Hilary]	13	13	5

The Hall Plate.

One bason or large dish, one ewer, one goblet, four candlesticks, six salts, eighteen tablespoons, one monteth, two tankards, two bowls with covers, two salvers, one pair of snuffers and box, three castors, one mustard spoon, one soup spoon, one orange-strainer, two marrow-spoons, and four sauce-boats.

Disbursed 1758-9.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for cream cheese	1	18	0
Paid Donaldson for planting trees	18	8	0
11 mess on Grand Day for geese instead of beef at 6d	0	5	6
Paid Crunden postman his allowance (2 terms)	1	0	0
Paid entring Hall plate 1758	2	0	0
Paid engraving Mr. Hawley's arms	1	3	0
Gave ye constable attending to disperse ye mob in Holborn Court on a child's being lockt in [1]	0	2	6
Paid for 7 bonfires one on taking Cape Breton and 22nd Oct:, 4, 5, 10, 17 and 30 Nov: at 13s	4	11	0
Paid for 37 forms of prayer for the Chaple on the fast and thanksgiving days	1	1	0
Paid the coroner on a child's being found dead, dropt at No. 11 Holborn Court	1	1	0
Paid for 1,000 3 per cent. East India Annuities	880	4	0

The Hall Plate.

Four candlesticks, six salts, thirty-six table spoons, two tankards, two bowls with covers, two salvers, three castors, one mustard spoon, one soup-spoon, one orange strainer, six marrow spoons, six salt spoons or shovels and four sauce boats.[2]

Disbursed 1759-60.

	£	s.	d.
For advertizing ground next the Kings Road	1	14	0
Paid Weldon his purchase money for ground behind No. 1 in Holborn Court	105	0	0
Paid the attorney's bill about Weldon's purchase	10	15	0
Paid Mr. Wildman a bill for plate	29	13	6
For insuring £1,200 in Hand in Hand fire office on No. 1 in Holborn Court	7	11	0
For wine in hall this [Michaelmas] term	13	13	5
Four terms salary to the Steward and Chief Butler	62	0	0

[1] See p. 288.

[2] With these lists of plate, *cf.* orders on pp. 290, 292 and 293. The practice of exchanging old plate for new was common at this period. See Cripps' "Old English Plate," pp. 230 and 328. The criterion of utility was not more ruthlessly applied at Gray's Inn than elsewhere. The bason and ewer would have been handed round between courses in days when fingers did the work of forks. Forks, however, had now for some time been in use, and silver spoons were wanted.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for a green cloth for the Library table	3	15	0
Library Keeper's salary	30	0	0
Dr. Stebbing's salary	110	0	0
Mr. Noble's salary as afternoon preacher	40	0	0
His salary as Reader	36	13	4

DISBURSED 1760-1.

Paid Osborne two bills for books	117	1	3
Holland for two surplices	5	13	0
Paid a year's lamps to 21 Sept: 1760	93	0	0
Paid entring Hall plate 1760	1	5	0
Paid for 3 doz: of wine which the Bench presented to Mr. Noble	3	0	0
Coffee and tea at adjourned Pention	0	4	6
Pipes for one year to Ladyday 1760	0	8	0
Paid a year's landtax to Ladyday 1760	126	10	0
Paid a year's window tax	91	10	3
Paid Osborne for civil law books	66	4	0
Paid for a curtain to the Chapel window	4	8	0
[Plumbing, bricklaying, carpentering at 1 Holborn Court and elsewhere during the years 1759,1760 and 1761	1414	15	0]

DISBURSED 1761-2.

Paid for two bonfires on King's wedding and coronation	1	12	6
Paid for a stone tureen	0	13	6
For bread and beer at Pentions	0	2	0
Paid for Serj^{t} Forster's repast on Grand Day	0	1	6
For 3 quarts rum for Mr. Waple	0	8	3
A bill for Hall window [plaisterer]	6	5	0
A bill for a new bookcase	17	17	0

DISBURSED 1762-3.

Paid for 2 Comunion cloathes	6	18	0
Paid for a repast for Serj^{t} Forster	0	1	6
Paid Osborne a bill for books June 14. 1762	85	5	0

DISBURSED 1763-4.

Paid for a bonfire when peace was proclaimed	0	13	6
Paid Osborne a bill for books 2nd April 1763	64	7	0
Paid Mr. Church for trees for the low garden	26	13	6
Paid for a repast for Mr. Serj: Forster	0	1	6
Paid Mr. Peckit for Mr. Serj: Forster's arms	3	13	6

DISBURSED 1764-5.

Paid Osborne a bill for books	108	13	6
Paid Mr. Garden officiating 21 weeks as Chapel Reader to 24 Dec: '64 (when Mr. Noble dyed) at 15^{s} per week	15	15	0

	£	s.	d.
Paid into Child's being ye Society's subscription towards the Devil's gapp	50	0	0
Paid the several watchmen [for one year]	121	16	6
A bill for paving at Warwick Court passage	45	12	0
Paid the carpenter a bill for work at the low buildings [near Warwick Court]	93	9	0

Disbursed 1765-6.

Paid for ye entertainment of ye p̃ish officers Holy Thursday	2	2	0
Paid towards paving Queen Street etc. by order	52	10	0
Paid Osborne a bill for books	63	13	0
Paid Alexander a bill for the Chapel furniture	113	12	0
Paid Sherwood's expences at Hicks Hall for being bound for striking a man crying papers in ye Inn	0	10	0
Paid for a pipe of port,[1] bottles etc.	48	1	0
Paid a year's land tax	126	10	0
Paid a year's window tax	93	16	6
Paid for 20 ells of holland for two surplices	6	0	0
Paid for a dozen china plates	0	18	0
Paid making two surplices	1	3	0
Paid Child for Dr. Stebbing's surplice	4	17	6

Disbursed 1767.

Paid for hogshead cyder	7	10	0
Paid for knives and forks for the Bench	5	9	0
Paid for a suction pipe to ye engine	1	1	0
Paid for gravel for the new Walk	64	4	0
Paid Osborne a bill for books	95	1	9
Paid Saunders for sand for Library and Bench room	0	2	6
Paid Dowson a bill for gilding Communion Plate	38	14	5
Paid Dowson for cases for Communion Plate	2	0	0

Disbursed 1768.

Paid for 4 gross and half corks and 2 sacks of saw dust	0	11	0
Paid Davies Carr and Saunders bottling and packing three pipes of wine and one hogshead cyder	2	2	0

Disbursed 1769.

Paid Davies for china oranges, plates etc.	2	15	3
Paid for olives this [Easter] term	1	2	6
Paid for 7 doz: and 7 bottles of Mr. Price's hock	9	2	0

Disbursed 1770.

Paid Child robemaker for three surplices	10	10	0
Paid for a dozen green desart knives and forks	1	11	6
Paid for 15 doz: and 10 bottles port used in the Hall (in two terms)	13	9	2
For the purchase of Mr. Dent's chambers	450	0	0

[1] This is the earliest instance of an order for any large amount of port.

Disbursed 1771.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for 50 bottles hock used in ye Hall Easter and Trinity terms	4	11	8
For 168 bottles of port used in the same terms	11	18	0
Other wine used in the Hall same terms	8	2	9
A bill for Library window blinds	4	16	0
Paid Mr. Garden his salary for four terms	70	0	0
Paid Dr. Stebbing his salary same terms	150	0	0
Paid him his allowance for his house same terms	50	0	0
Paid Mr. Chatfield 4 terms	50	0	0
Paid the Steward a years salary	84	0	0
Paid the cook his salary	30	0	0
Paid him for firing	20	0	0
Paid Shillito Library Keeper his salary	30	0	0
[Payments to plumber, carpenter, mason etc.	1006	17	9]

Disbursed 1772.

Paid Mr. Darwin what he paid for ye paving rate on bringing on ye appeal to Quarter Sessions	55	11	6
For 24 dozen of port used in the Hall [in three terms]	20	8	0
Paid a bill for Venetian window blinds to new Pention Room	5	4	0
For two dozen knives and forks	3	0	0
For a green table cloth for the Bench room	2	7	0
To Mr. Serj: Eyre as a gift from ye House on his taking leave	10	10	0
Paid Norton [the cook] his bill at Mr. Serj: Eyre's supper	7	3	2
Paid the costs on the appeal at Hicks's Hall	20	0	0
Paid Mr. Darwin on account of law busyness	63	0	0

Disbursed 1773.

Paid a bill for coals for the Library and Bench Room	9	11	8
Extra allowance on Grand Day for capons and sauceages instead of beef 11 mess at 18^d	0	16	6
A repast for Mr. Baron Eyre and Mr. Serj: Forster	0	3	0
Paid for two tables for Bench room	1	9	0
Paid for four camp stools for ye Ladies Gallery	1	1	0
Paid for hassocks for ye Ladies Gallery	2	8	0
For port wine used in Hall [Easter term]	29	15	8
For Parliament Cases and Private Acts 13 George III	2	2	0
Paid Norton's [the cook's] bill Mich: term and 2 dinners in Library after term	22	3	0
Paid for strong and small beer two dinners after term and for strong beer for servants in kitchen	0	7	9
Paid Sleath the brazier for grates in Pension Chamber	19	3	0
Paid Gilpin for a carpet there	19	0	0
Paid Ravald cabinetmakers a bill 19th May	55	16	0
Paid Ravald more for a mahogany dining table	2	18	0

Disbursed 1774.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Dowson silversmith a bill for the new Griffin	12	0	6
Paid for a dinner for ye porters and other officers carrying books 23 Feb: 1774 after the Parish trial	0	8	6
Paid for books at Mr. Morley's sale	69	17	3
Paid for a supper at Library 14 Feb:	0	7	8
Paid 11 porters at ye gates in order to prevent the Parish Officers and boys from coming in ye Inn on the possessioning day	0	16	6
Paid for a dinner about Christening ye dropt child	0	8	6
Law charges	150	0	0

Disbursed 1775.

Paid for ten pair candlesticks for the Hall	2	10	0
Paid for framing Lord Mansfield's picture	1	0	0
Paid Brookes for Mr. Baron Eyre's arms	10	12	6
Paid to ye subscription for the soldiers etc. in America	105	0	0
Paid Mr. Darwin [Solicitor] ballance of his bills for busyness done for the Society	322	16	0

Disbursed 1776.

Paid for a Thermometer	1	7	0
Paid for a silver funnell and stand	2	6	0
Paid mending Hall gowns	0	7	0
Paid Dowson, silversmith, a bill	43	14	0
Paid Mr. Smith for the purchase of Abington's Coffee-house	800	0	0

The Hall Plate.

Four candlesticks, thirty six table spoons, two tankards, two bowls with covers, two salvers, three castors, one mustard spoon, one orange strainer, six marrow spoons, six salts with spoons or shovels, four sauce boats, two large dish spoons, a glass sugar dish with a silver ladle, four silver butterspoons, one argyle,[1] twelve pease spoons, twelve tea spoons, tongs and strainer, six bottle tickets, two soup ladles and a silver wine funnell and stand.

Disbursed 1777.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for 16 loads loom from Lincoln's Inn gardens	1	12	0
Paid for rose trees for ye garden	0	2	0
Paid insuring £400 on Pension Chamber in Sun Fire Office over and above 19^s received deposit from ye Hand in Hand	1	17	2
Paid a year's land tax for 1776	126	10	0
" " window " "	98	13	8

Disbursed 1778.

Paid six years paving rate for Gray's Inn Lane	236	11	0
Paid Mr. Wegg's expence attending Speaker of the House of Commons about the Societies petition in 1775	3	13	6

[1] An argyle, or argyll, is a vessel, with a spout, for holding gravy.

DISBURSED 1779.

	£	s.	d.
Porters to drink watching courts when Admiral Kepple was in ye city	0	1	9
An extraordinary allowance on Grand Day for legs of lamb stead of beef 12 mess at 9^d and 3^s 6^d for a quarter of lamb at Bench	0	12	6

DISBURSED 1780.

Paid for paunches for crows in the Walks [1]	0	18	1
Paid for a barometer	2	2	0
Paid the tax for six servants of the Society to Lady Day 1778	4	10	0
Paid a bill for tea etc. Easter term	7	1	0
Paid Williams at Coffeehouse for wine and vickeals the nights the gentlemen met in Hall about the riots [2]	4	19	6
Paid sundry extra watchmen in June and July 1780 on account of the riots in town by order of Mr. Treasurer	33	16	6
Paid for 56 quarts wine used at Sacraments from Mich: term 1778 to end of Trin: term 1780	4	13	4
Paid for Edmondson's Book of Heraldry	6	16	6

DISBURSED 1781-2.

Paid Mr. Hudleston what he paid for Johnson's Lives 4 vols.	1	1	0
" " " " the picture of Lord Bathurst	1	11	6
Paid Thomas Squires a bill for feeding the raven	0	10	8
Paid advertising for the mother of the child found in the Inn 3 times in *Daily Advertiser*	0	10	6
Paid for ditto in the *Herald* once	0	5	6
Paid for necessarys for the child dropt in Gray's Inn	1	12	2
Expences at the christning of the child	0	16	0
Mrs. Hall for nursing the child and for necessaries for it etc.	1	6	0
Paid a month's nursing Sarah Burton Gray to the day of her death	1	1	0
The undertaker's bill for burying do	1	1	6
Pickett and Rundell for a new steel seal with the arms of the Society	2	12	6
For a Library table and desk for the office	6	16	6
For a print of Lord North	1	4	0
Paid a subscription for one copy of the New Testament printed from the Alexandrian MS.	1	1	0
Paid for a print of Lord Thurlow	1	5	6
Paid Messrs. Fielder and Railton for linnen for new surplices	12	0	0

DISBURSED 1783-4.

Paid Stainforth and Co. their bill for wine	122	16	0
Paid for stamps for admissions and calls to the Bar	263	12	0

[1] See Douthwaite, p. 188, as to the crows of which the above were, no doubt, ancestors.
[2] *I.e.*, the Gordon Riots.

Disbursed 1785.

	£	s.	d.
Paid for a Law List and Directory	0	5	0
Paid two constables for apprehending the men that robbed Mr. Chambre's chambers	4	4	0
Paid on account of the old window tax for the year 1784	85	0	0
Paid on account of the new window tax for the year 1784	40	0	0
Lost by light gold and bad silver	2	7	0

Disbursed 1786.

Paid Coach hire for the Benchers to go to Symond's Inn	0	1	0
Paid Jane Shepherd for attending at Hicks's Hall on the prosecution against Mr. Walker	1	1	0
Paid Stainforth and Giberne for a pipe of wine	58	8	0
Paid Leedham's bill for Stilton cheese	1	8	7
Paid Nichol the bookseller for Cook's Voyages	4	16	0
Paid Campbell's bill for 2 bottles of champaigne	1	0	0
Paid Edward Clarke a gratuity on account of the assault made on him by Mr. Walker	2	2	0
Paid the subscription for Woides Alexandrian new Greek Testament [1]	1	1	0

Disbursed 1787.

Paid Blanchard for his new system of Shorthand	1	1	0
Paid for cleaning and dying the green cloths belonging to the Pension Room	0	7	6
Paid for a silk purse for Mr. Serj: Cockell	0	3	0
Present to do on his leaving the Society	10	10	0
Paid Humphreys for the print of the Earl of Mansfield	1	14	0
Paid 3 waiters on Grand Day, Hilary term	0	7	6
Paid Petts bill for waiting in the Hall in Trin: term	2	8	4
Paid Topham for do	0	10	6
For 5 Bar stamps	70	0	0
Paid Birch and Son for soup etc. on Grand Day Trin: term	1	7	0
Paid for 1 lb of Hyson tea	0	9	0
,, ,, black ,,	0	7	0

Disbursed 1788-9.

For a silk purse for Mr. Serj: Clayton	0	4	6
The present for ,,	10	10	0
Paid the house tax for the year 1786	158	3	4
Sims for hanging the Chapel in mourning for the late Dr. Stebbing	8	15	6
Paid McCarthy's bill for 5 doz: sherry	7	15	0
Paid extra watchmen on the two illumination nights on his Majesty's recovery	0	13	0
Paid porters removing books and goods from the old offices to the new	3	10	0

[1] Printed from the *Codex Alexandrinus* in the British Museum.

	£	s.	d.
Paid Mr. Borwicks bill of costs Wegg against Cunningham and the King against Walker	84	0	0
Paid part of the transferred duties on servants carriages etc. to end of the year 1788 being the money which Davies the librarian imbezzled	97	10	4
Paid Pearson for altering the inscription under the Lord Chief Baron Eyre's arms	3	3	0
Paid Angell for hanging the Pension Room bell	1	14	6
Paid Brodie for register stoves for the Pension Chamber and Library	19	13	10

Disbursed 1790.

Paid Mr. S. Wegg for 2 dozen of champaigne	5	16	0
Paid for painting on glass the arms of Mr. Serj: Cockell and Mr. Serj: Clayton	12	12	0
Paid Brown for 3 dozen of claret	7	11	0
Paid Bramah and Co. for a patent apparatus for a water closet	18	9	11

Disbursed 1791.

Paid for £500 3 per cent consol: Bank annuities at 76½ and commission	383	2	6
Paid for 4 doz: Champaigne and 2 doz: of Burgundy and charges on do	19	14	2
Paid L. Davies for Philosophical Transactions	4	8	0
Paid Stainforth and C° for wine to 4th June 1791	162	16	4
Paid for £500 3 per cent consol: Bank annuities at 84½ with commission	421	17	6
Paid Chartres for poplar trees	1	8	0
Paid Barber for repairing the Chapel Clock	40	0	0

Disbursed 1792-3.

For three dozen of champaigne	9	0	0
Paid Scrivener the butcher [for a year]	283	1	6
Paid Gardiner the greengrocer [for a year]	54	5	8
Paid Cullum the butterman [for two years]	90	0	0
Paid Bishop for bread [for a year]	23	2	6

Disbursed 1793-4.

Paid the House tax for the year 1792	161	4	0
Paid the 10 per cent duty for do	33	16	3
Paid the land tax for do	126	10	6
Paid the window tax for do	97	5	0
Paid the commutation tax for do	91	8	9
Paid the duty on 5 servants	15	0	0
Paid Stainforth and Co for wine to 5th Aug: 1793	219	9	0
Paid for cleaning the green cloth of the Pension Room table	0	7	6

Disbursed 1794-5.

Paid Flexney the bookseller to 13th Dec: 1794	29	15	4
Paid a bill for printing Dr. King's sermons	13	18	6

	£	s.	d.
Paid Copeland for Cases and Private Acts	2	2	0
Paid Stainforth and Co for wine to 15th Jan: 1794	243	14	6

Disbursed 1795-6.

Paid the parish of St Andrew for 2 men to serve in his Majesty's navy 27th April 1796	42	0	0
Paid Davies the silversmith for an Argyle (25 May 1795)	7	0	0
Paid Sacrament money at Easter, Whitsuntide and Xmas 1795	24	3	6

Disbursed 1796-7.

Paid Mr. Merry for a pipe of red port	66	11	6
Paid advertizing for 3 men to serve in his Majesty's army	2	9	6
Paid the bounty and expences on 3 men to serve in his Majesty's army	53	14	0

Disbursed 1797-8.

Paid Young for charcoal to 1st Jan: 1797	52	10	0
Paid Birch for soups, etc.	13	7	0
Paid for 4 vols of the Annual Register for the years 1792, 1793, 1794 and 1795	1	14	0
Paid the subscription into the Bank of England towards the exigencies of the State	500	0	0
Paid Wigg the carpenter on account of the year 1796	300	0	0

Disbursed 1798-9.

Paid the tax on armorial bearings for the Society one year	1	1	0
Paid for a pipe of red port from John and Bates of Newcastle	74	11	10
Paid Flight and Williams for paper hanging [three years]	73	2	3
Paid Brown and Whitefoord for 2 doz: claret	8	9	0
Paid for 24 admission stamps at £16-4 each	388	16	0
Paid for 6 Bar stamps at £28 each	168	0	0

Disbursed 1799 and 1800.

Paid the several watchmen [half a year]	103	7	0
Paid Dr. King's salary [a year]	150	0	0
,, Mr. Garden's ,, ,,	70	0	0
,, Mr. Chatfield ,, ,,	50	0	0
,, the Steward's salary and allowances	184	0	0
,, the Under Steward's salary ,,	92	9	1
,, the puisne butler's ,, ,,	30	11	8
,, the Librarian's ,, ,,	38	0	0
,, the head porter's ,, ,,	32	6	0
Paid McNiven the Cook his salary and disbursements [one year]	97	15	0
Paid Lucas for lighting lamps [one year]	203	0	4
,, Living for candles	53	1	0
,, Mabbat the stationer	13	0	11
The present to Mr. Serj: Bayley	10	10	0

	£	s.	d.
Paid Cape the Brewers bill [two years]	39	7	6
The insurance on the buildings in the Inn [one year]	135	12	0
,, ,, ,, Chapel, Hall and books in Library	4	0	0
Paid one year's water for the Society and Dr. King's house	11	8	4
Paid Selby and Co. for fish on Grand Day Easter term 1800	7	15	6
Paid Corrock for a new surplice	6	0	0
Paid Cowdell for coals to 6th June 1800	66	19	10
Paid the tax on Armorial bearings for the Society	1	1	0
Paid the tax on the Society's servants [one year]	16	10	0
Paid the land tax for the year 1799	126	12	0
Paid the window tax for 1799	260	13	0
,, ,, House ,, ,, ,,	217	6	5
Paid Moore for making a sideboard in the Hall	4	14	6

The Hall Plate.

Four candlesticks, thirty-six table spoons, two tankards, two bowls with covers, two salvers, four castors, one mustard spoon, one orange-strainer, six marrow spoons, six salts with spoons or shovels, eight sauce-boats, two large dish-spoons, a large sugar dish (glass) with a silver ladle, eight butter spoons, one argyle, twelve pease spoons, twenty-three tea spoons (one lost 3 or 4 years ago), tongs and strainer, eight bottle tickets, two soup-ladles, a wine funnell and stand, a soy frame, twelve silver forks and a silver tea-pot. Also double branches to each candlestick plated.

Communion Plate.

Two flaggons, two challices with covers, one patten and two basons.

APPENDIX II

THE OLD BUILDINGS

Before, and during the greater part of, the seventeenth century, the staircases in Gray's Inn bore the names of the men who acquired ground on lease from the Society and built thereon piles of chambers. The following table of buildings has been compiled from two returns made by Stewards of the Society. One occurs in an old account ledger; the other in Segar's MS. (Harl. Coll. 1912). The map which accompanies it is based on that of Ogilby and Morgan. The sites of the various buildings have, however, been deduced from the table and from the orders for renewal, or assignment, of chambers which were continually being made in Pension, though as a rule omitted from the body of this work.

THE BUILDINGS OF GRAY'S INN AND THEIR OCCUPANTS IN 1668

Holborn Court

Holborn gate	Three shops left hand going out	Raworth and Walbanke
	,, ,, right ,, ,,	Place, Hobman and the porter's tenant
	First story one chamber	Wingfield
	Second story one ,,	Raworth
	Third and fourth	lately Appleton and Gurdon
Downes' Buildings	One ground chamber	Amhurst
	First story	Hardres (Bencher)
	Second story	Joscelyne
	Third story	Ralph Smith and Edwards
	Fourth story	Marriott
Goodricke's Buildings	One ground chamber	lately Bradshaw
	First story	Knightbridge
	Second story	Shafto M.
	Third story	Knightbridge
Cage's Buildings	Ground floor right	Kirkham and Beversham
	,, left	Kettlewell
	First story right	Dixon
	,, left	Walker

Cage's Buildings	Second story left	Bigland
	,, right	Watts
	Third story right	Woolrich
	,, left	Shenton
Howland's Buildings	One ground chamber	Skipwith
	First, second and third stories	Ellis
	Passage into Bentley's Rents	Beale
Fuller's Buildings	One ground chamber	Sprig
	First story	Edgar (Bencher)
	Second story	Attwood Jo:
	Third story	Bernard
Purefoy's Buildings	Chamber up Fuller's stairs, first story	Smith
	Chamber up Fuller's stairs, second story	Thelwall or Burdet
	One ground chamber	Bernard
	First story right	Stringer and Farnham
	,, left	Blount
	Second story right	Pagitt
	,, left	Pagitt
	Third and fourth stories	John, Lord Seymour
Butler's Buildings	Up Davenport's stairs, first story	Cole W.
	,, ,, second ,,	Goodinge
	,, ,, third and fourth stories	Lehunt
	Up the old stairs ("behind") first story	Cole
	Up the old stairs ("behind") second story	Petitt
	Up the old stairs ("behind") third story	Brooks
Davenport's Buildings	One ground chamber	Lomax
	First story	Gore
	Second story	Warren
	Third ,,	Scott
	Fourth ,,	Davenport
Finch's Buildings	Ground floor right	Linge
	,, left	Vaughan R.
	First story right	Steele (late Spour)
	,, left	Jones (late Steele)
	Second story left	,,
	,, right with garret	Rant J.
Duchy Office		Gerrard (mil:)
Over the Chapel	right	The Chaplain
,,	left	Dr. Cradocke
Denny's Buildings	Ground floor right	Linley
	,, left	Neale
	First story right	Ayloft

Denny's Buildings	First story left	Lockhart
	Second story right	Thomas W.
	,, left	Brereton
	Third story right	Butler
	,, left	Skippon
	Fourth story right	Poore
	,, left	Page
Osbaldeston's Buildings	First ground chamber	Meverell
	Second ,,	Hutchins
	Third ,,	Linge
	Fourth ,,	Ayloft
	Fifth ,,	Lutterell
	1st stairs northward:—	
	First story right	Pigeon
	,, left	Webb
	Second story right	Yate
	,, left	Morgan
	Third and fourth stories	Purefoy
	2nd stairs:—	
	First story right	Duckenfeild
	,, left	Holt John
	Second story right	Fawlkner
	,, left	Naylor
	Third story right	Hewet G.
	,, left	Smith C.
	Fourth story right	Jones R.
	,, left	Meredeth
	3rd stairs:—	
	First story one chamber	Holt
	Second story ,,	Bard
	Third story ,,	Mildmay
	Fourth ,,	Gwydett
Pipe Office [formerly Star Chamber Office]		Crooke (mil:)
Jones' Buildings	Two ground chambers	Burwell N.
	First story right	Thelwall S.
	,, left	Gregory
	Second story right	Thelwall S.
	,, left	late Burwell J.
	Third story right	Suckling
	,, left	South W.
	Fourth story right	Thelwall S.
	,, left	Glyd
New Buildings (in the S.E. corner)	Ground chamber right	Morgan L.
	,, left	Raney
	First floor right	Hewett G.
	,, left	Grice

New Buildings (in the S.E. corner)	Second floor right	
	,, left	Bateman and Turner
	Third floor right	
	,, left	
	Garrets	
Higgons' Buildings	First ground chamber left	Spelman
	Second ,, ,,	Morgan L.
	Double chamber right (annexed to Lenton)	Fielder
	First story right (1)	Busby
	,, ,, (2)	Bucke S.
	Double chamber left	Lee E.
	Second story left (1)	Nutt E.
	,, ,, (2)	Dade
	Double chamber right	Hardres
	Third story right (1)	Browne G.
	,, ,, (2)	Alexander or Spencer
	,, left (1)	
	,, ,, (2)	Best H.
	Fourth story right (1)	Hill
	Three other chambers	late Higgons
Lenton's	Ground chamber right	Weston
	,, left	Spelman
	First story left	Southby and Lane
	,, right	Willimott
	Second story right	Lenton
	,, left	Bispham
	Third story right	Gunther
	,, left	Jason
	Fourth story right	Lenton
	,, left	,,
Chisnolds and Blower's Buildings	Not of the House.	
Gerrard's Buildings	Ground chamber right	Edgar
	,, left	Sandford
	First story right	Raymond T.
	,, left	Brewer T.
	Second story right	Leeke W.
	,, left	Wright Jo:
	Third story right	Plomer Jo:
	,, left	Vaughan W.

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Seckford's Buildings	One low study, left hand	late Nich: Parry
	Ground chamber right	Rigby
	left	Rigby

Seckford's Buildings	First story left	Davison
	,, right	Walpole
	"One chamber within there"	Crawley
	Second story two chambers	Vinor
Grimston's Buildings	Ground chamber in the passage	Flynt
	Chamber over it	,,
	"One little room more in the passage"	Bacon F.
	"Two chambers and garretts fronted towards the walkes"	,, and Bacon P.
Bacon's Buildings	Ground floor left	Fernley
	,, right	Dobson late Flower
	First story right	Bigland late Newdigate
	,, left	House Library
	Second story right	Bankes
	,, left	Benson late Widdrington
	Third story right	Hollinsworth late Raymond T.
	,, left	Bragge late Cockshott
House Buildings	Ground chamber	Prichard late Ward
	First story one chamber	Denn
	Second story ,,	Hawtrey
	Third story ,,	Bing
	Fourth story ,,	Gooch and Kemish
Lower Gallery	First chamber	Alebone
	Second ,,	Lovell
	Third ,,	Rawlinson
	Fourth ,,	Pagitt
	Fifth ,,	late Fowle
	6th, 7th and 8th chambers	Ling
	Ninth chamber	Wingfeild
Upper Gallery	"First low chamber"	Bright
	"One chamber upstairs right hand"	England
	"2nd story and garretts"	Boyce
	"Fourth chamber on ye flowre"	Wilsby
	"Fifth chamber upp staires"	Ent
	"Sixth chamber on ye flowre"	Tournour
	"Seventh chamber on ye flowre"	Wingfeild, Hooker, Shafto
	"Eighth chamber upp staires"	(late Haworth)
	"Ninth chamber upp staires"	(late Meade)
	"Tenth chamber on ye flowre"	Steward or Brograve
	"Eleventh chamber on ye flowre"	(late Lane and Barrett)
	"Twelfth chamber upp staires"	Lightbowne, J. and S.
	"Thirteenth chamber on ye flowre"	Elletson
	"Fourteenth chamber on ye flowre"	Mathewes
	"Fifteenth chamber on ye flowre"	Gipps
	"Sixteenth chamber upp staires"	Sicklemore

Upper Gallery	"Seventeenth chamber on the flowre"	Brickenden
	"18th and 19th chambers upp staires"	,,
	"20th chamber on ye flowre"	Armyne (bencher)
	"21st chamber upp staires on ye left hand"	Brownlow
	"22nd chamber right hand"	Brickenden
	"23rd chamber second staires [*i.e.* story] left hand"	,,
Old Gate	Two little shops right hand going out (part of the lodge)	
	One shop left (stationer's)	Walbanke
	"A double chamber upp by the Chappell"	
	Chamber over the stationer's shop	Simmons
	Double Chamber over the Gate	Constable or Hacket
	Double chamber second story	Finch
	Chamber over the lodge	Tennant

Field Court

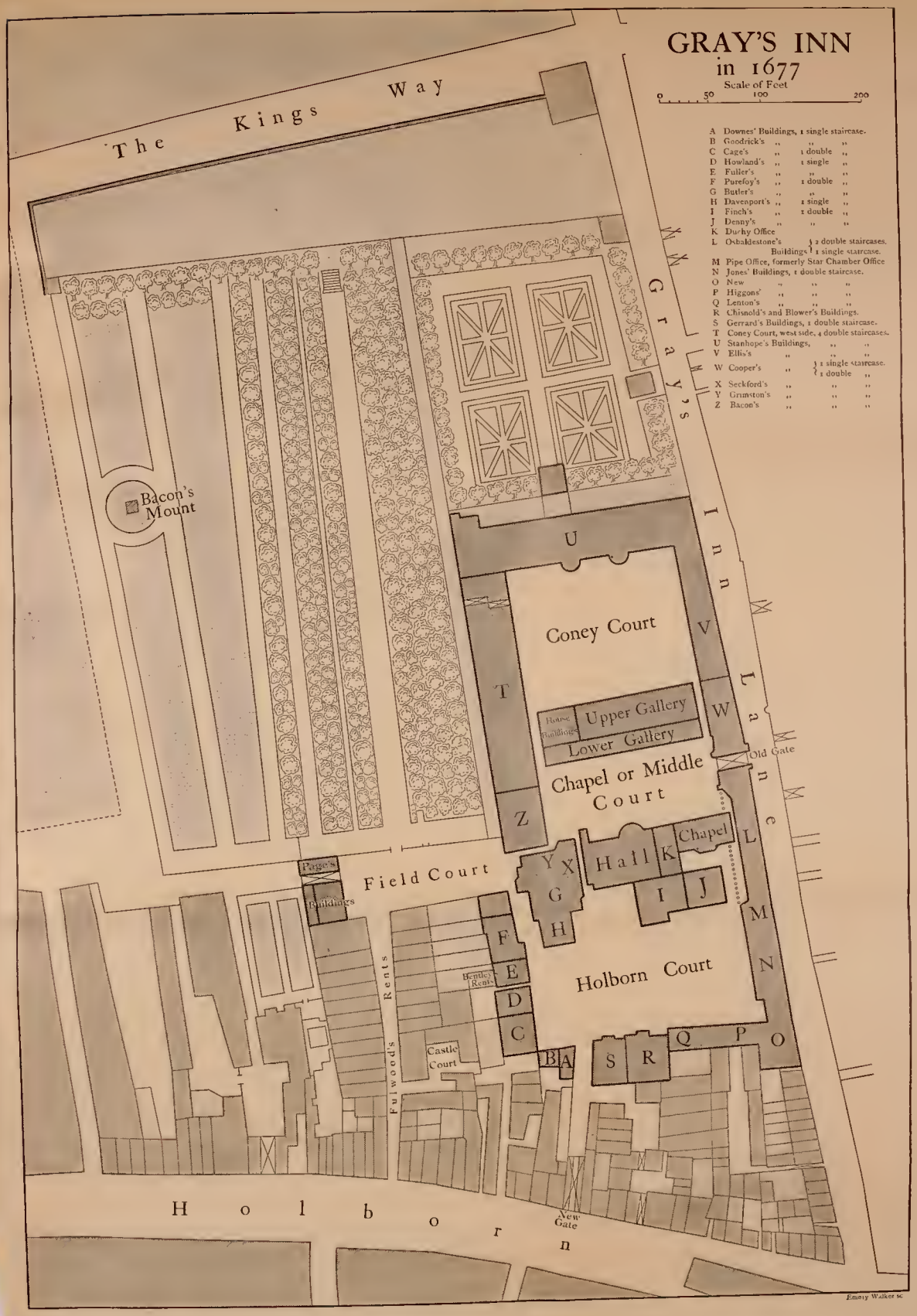
Page's Buildings	Ground chamber next the Walks	Lucy
	First story left	Bennett
	,, right	Bacon, Fr:
	Second story right	Whitacre
	,, left	Bayley
	Third story right	Ingleby
	,, left	Gallop
	Garrets	(late Bacon N.)
	"Shopp goeing into the fields" (spectacle maker's)	Sandes
	Barber's shop	Fuller
	Second staircase:	
	Double ground chamber right	Pagitt
	Ground chamber left	Tod
	First story left	Bacon, Fr: (sen.)
	,, right	Doncaster
	Second story right	Heilin
	,, left	Evelin
	Third story right	Plomer J.
	,, left	Reve
	Fourth story right	Plomer J.
	,, left	Reve
Warwick Garden	New buildings on part thereof	Earl of Warwick

Coney Court

West Side	Ground chamber "in ye entry left hand" (1)	Tooke

West Side	Ground chamber "in ye entry left hand" (2)	Burton C.
	Chamber left hand	Mason and Weaver
	"Other ground chamber on the left hand"	Flynt (bencher)
	"One other in the entry beyond"	,,
	First story "one chamber with ye garretts"	Woodhouse
	First story chamber left (1)	Cremer
	,, ,, ,, (2)	Clarke
	2nd and 3rd stories left hand	Keble
	One ground chamber	Roberts E.
	2nd stairs 1st story	Cory or Gooday
	,, 2nd and 3rd stories	Pelham
	One ground chamber	Barrett P.
	3rd stairs 1st story right	Armyne E.
	,, ,, left	Armyne M.
	,, 2nd story right	Sleigh
	,, ,, left	Corbet
	Two ground chambers joined	Nelthorp
	One other ground chamber	Ottway
	"One ground chamber in the entrey"	Spencer (late Swale)
	4th stairs 1st story right	Waller (Serj:)
	,, ,, left	Houlden
	,, 2nd story right	Archer (Justice K.B.)
	,, ,, left (double)	Marquess of Dorchester
	,, 3rd and 4th stories	Carew
	One ground chamber in the corner	Procter
Stanhope's Buildings	Ground chamber right	Raymond J.
	,, left	Willcocks
	1st stairs 1st story left	Mauliverer
	,, ,, right (double)	Williams
	,, 2nd story left	Beddingfield, Chr:
	,, ,, right	Pargiter
	,, 3rd story right	Marsden
	Gallery	Barthrop (late Marq: of Dorchester)
	2nd stairs 2 ground chambers left	Smith E.
	,, 1st story right	Hewet G.
	,, ,, left	Paynell
	,, 2nd story left	Tylney
	,, ,, right	Beddingfield
	,, 3rd story left	Skipwith
	,, ,, right	Needler
	,, 4th story right	Evers T.
	,, ,, left	(late Skipwith)
	3rd stairs 2 ground chambers	Trotter and Milborne

Stanhope's Buildings	3rd stairs 1st story right	Chamberlaine
	,, ,, left	Bucke and Anderson
	,, 2nd story right	Smithson
	,, ,, left	Stapleton
	,, 3rd story right	Ball
	,, ,, left	Stapleton pro Nelthorp
	,, 4th story right	Nelthorp
	,, ,, left	Alfrey
	One ground chamber	Plomer S.
	4th stairs one ground chamber	Doughty
	,, Chamber right hand	Chowne
	,, Carpenter's yard	Crompton
	,, 1st story left	Spelman
	,, ,, right (1)	King
	,, ,, ,, (2)	Best H.
	,, 2nd story left	Marshall R.
	,, ,, right (1)	,,
	,, ,, ,, (2)	Dixie J.
	,, 3rd story left	Low
	,, ,, right (1)	Charlett and Bucke
	,, ,, ,, (2)	Ashton
	,, 4th story left	Low
	,, ,, right (double)	Benham
Ellis Buildings	Ground Chamber	Wortley
	,,	Shuttleworth
	1st story left	Lever
	,, right	Beale
	2nd story right	Brickenden
	,, left	Hewett G.
	3rd story right	Danby
	,, left	Rookby
	4th story right	Brickenden
	,, left	,,
	Ground Chamber	Hardy R.
	,,	Burd G.
	1st story right	Bendish
	,, left	Hewet pro Richardson
	2nd story right	Cotton
	,, left	(late Hodges)
	3rd story right	Constable R.
	,, left	(late Low)
	4th story right	Bragge
	,, left	(late Hodgson)
	Ground chamber	Barker
	,,	Northcliffe
	1st story right	Hughes
	,, left	Alexander
	2nd story right	Shafto M.


GRAY'S INN
in 1677
Scale of Feet
0 50 100 200
A Downes' Buildings, 1 single staircase.
B Goodrick's ,, ,, ,,
C Cage's ,, 1 double ,,
D Howland's ,, 1 single ,,
E Fuller's ,, ,, ,,
F Purefoy's ,, 1 double ,,
G Butler's ,, ,, ,,
H Davenport's ,, 1 single ,,
I Finch's ,, 1 double ,,
J Denny's ,, ,, ,,
K Duchy Office
L Oxbaldestone's Buildings } 2 double staircases. 1 single staircase.
M Pipe Office, formerly Star Chamber Office
N Jones' Buildings, 1 double staircase.
O New ,, ,, ,,
P Higgons' ,, ,, ,,
Q Lenton's ,, ,, ,,
R Chisnold's and Blower's Buildings.
S Gerrard's Buildings, 1 double staircase.
T Coney Court, west side, 4 double staircases.
U Stanhope's Buildings, ,, ,,
V Ellis's ,, ,, ,,
W Cooper's ,, } 1 single staircase. 1 double ,,
X Seckford's ,, ,, ,,
Y Grimston's ,, ,, ,,
Z Bacon's ,, ,, ,,
The Kings Way
Gray's Inn Lane
Bacon's Mount
Coney Court
Upper Gallery
Lower Gallery
Chapel or Middle Court
Chapel
Hall
Old Gate
Field Court
Holborn Court
Page's Buildings
Fulwoods Rents
Bentley's Rents
Castle Court
Holborn
New Gate
Emily Walker sc.

Ellis Buildings	2nd story left	Bigland H.
	3rd story right	Brickenden J.
	,, left	Bigland H.
	4th story right	Swallow
	,, left	Brickenden J.
	Ground Chamber	Pickering J.
	,,	Faldo
	1st story right	Shouldham
	,, left	Pickering
	2nd story right	Claxton
	,, left	Rant R.
	3rd story right	Hackett
	,, left	Kenrick
	4th story right	(late Williams)
	,, left	Hardres
Cooper's Buildings	1st stairs ground chamber	Dorrington
	,, 1st story	Baldocke
	,, 2nd ,,	Conney
	,, 3rd ,,	Bovie
	,, 4th ,,	Niccolls
	2nd stairs ground chamber right	Lane
	,, ,, left	Nelson
	,, 1st story right	(late Cooke)
	,, ,, left	Langdale
	,, 2nd story right	Mann E.
	,, ,, left	Wharton H.
	,, 3rd story right	Brearey
	,, ,, left	Prickett
	,, 4th story right	(late Dodsworth)
	,, ,, left	(late Pankhurst)

When the method of dividing Chapel Court from Coney Court had been decided upon (see order on p. 105), contributions were levied, and the following list compiled. The numbering of the staircases evidently dates from the rebuilding of the court after the fires of 1680 and 1684.

Holders of Chambers in Coney Court, February 1689-90

No. 2	Pritchard's assignee	No. 3	Barrett
	Burton's assignee		Wake
	Ginder		Keeble
	Hawtrey		Otway (mil:)
	Radford		Agar
	Mathewes		Buttler
	Pritchard's assignee		Keeble
	Pritchard's assignee		Munson

No. 4 Gipps (mil:)
Kendall
Bullingham
Crisp
Chetham
Chetham
Newton
Crisp

No. 5 Otway (mil:)
Otway (mil:)
Otway (mil:)
Holford
Holford
Holford
Dyosse
Dyosse
Throgmorton
Dyose
Dyose
Saunderson

No. 6 Try
Try
Hales
Forth
Jennings
Bedingfeild
Ady
Marsden

No. 7 Smith (mil:)
Botheby
Botheby
Buck
Digle
Aram
Buck
Forth

No. 8 Smith
Buck
Anderson (mil:)
Anderson (mil:)
Smithson
Davie
Cotton
Anderson (mil:)

No. 9 Stephens
Wynne
Monox
Monox
Garrard
Freere
Garrard
Fairbard
Fairbard

No. 10 Fairbard
Winford
Lowe
Cantor
Clifford
Hewett
Fairbard
Holt

No. 11 Owen
Weston
Parker
Otway
Shaftoe
Master
House
Patten

No. 12 Smith
Lynne
Witherly
Baldock
Corbett
Rant
House
Meddowes

No. 13 Stringer
Lane
Card
Adams
Thornicroft
House
Shalcross
Prickett

APPENDIX III

A LIST OF THE TREASURERS OF GRAY'S INN FROM 1531 TO THE PRESENT DAY, WITH THE DATES OF THEIR ELECTION

William Walsyngham	Michaelmas, 1530.
Edmund Grey Robert Urmyston	25th Nov. 1540.
William Henly William Staunford	6th Feb. 1548-9.
Nicholas Bacon	24th Oct. 1552.
Gilbert Gerrard[1]	16th May, 1555.
Thomas Seckford	15th May, 1567.
John Kytchine Thomas Colby	16th Nov. 1575.
Robert Alcock Robert Shute	7th Nov. 1576.
Richard Anger William Whiskins	5th Feb. 1577-8.
Christopher Yelverton William Cardinall	17th Nov. 1578.
Thomas Snagg John Brograve	10th Feb. 1579-80.
Michael Lewis Gilbert Sherington	15th Nov. 1582.
John Brograve Thomas Colby	8th Feb. 1583-4.
Richard Anger Christopher Yelverton	25th Nov. 1584.
William Cardinall Richard Kempe	14th Nov. 1586.
William Daniell Edward Stanhope	3rd Nov. 1587.
Gilbert Sherington John Spurling	28th Oct. 1588.
Nicholas Fuller Edmund Pooley	19th Nov. 1590.

[1] He was at first joined with N. Bacon in the office.

John Lancaster Jeremy Betenham	26th Nov. 1594.
John Lany Richard Barker	24th Nov. 1595.
John Brograve Richard Anger	15th Nov. 1596.
Cuthbert Pepper	16th Nov. 1604.
Francis Bacon	17th Oct. 1608.
Edward Moseley	26th May, 1617.
Thomas Ireland	29th Oct. 1622.
Francis Brackin	30th Oct. 1623.
Euble Thelwall	27th Oct. 1624.
Lancelot Lovelace	27th Jan. 1625-6.
John Finch	3rd Nov. 1626.
William Denny	9th Nov. 1627.
Roger Downes	29th Oct. 1628.
John Wright	6th Nov. 1629.
John Bankes	16th Nov. 1631.
Peter Phesant	12th Nov. 1634.
Richard Osbaldeston [1]	16th Nov. 1635.
William Clopton [1]	3rd Feb. 1636-7.
Christopher Fulwood [2]	3rd Nov. 1637.
Thomas Bedingfeild	2nd Nov. 1638.
John Whistler [3]	8th Nov. 1639.
Thomas Widdrington	18th Nov. 1641.
Thomas Brickenden	20th May, 1650.
William Ellis	25th Nov. 1657.
Thomas Hardres	2nd July, 1666.
Nicholas Willimot	12th Nov. 1668.
William Lehunt	10th Nov. 1669.
Edmund Jones	16th Nov. 1671.
John Amhurst	12th Nov. 1673.
John Otway	24th Nov. 1675.
Robert Pickering	23rd Nov. 1677.
Creswell Levinz	12th Nov. 1679.
William Williams	11th Feb. 1680-1.
George Gifford [4]	15th Nov. 1682.
John Rotherham	26th Jan. 1684-5.
William Scroggs (jun.)	11th June, 1686.
Thomas Pritchard	22nd June, 1688.
John Thurburne [5]	22nd April, 1689.
Samuel Buck [6]	6th May, 1689.

[1] He was joined with Phesant.
[2] He was joined with Clopton.
[3] He was joined with Bedingfeild for one year only.
[4] It was provided that he should not enter upon office till Williams' two years had expired.
[5] He acted from the death of Pritchard onwards.
[6] A fresh election became necessary because Thurburne was made a Serjeant, and therefore left the Inn soon after appointment.

Warner South	4th July, 1690.
Charles Pigeon	3rd June, 1692.
Ralph Cooke	19th May, 1694.
Daniel Bedingfeild	about 26th June, 1696.
William Dixon	1st June, 1698.
William Spencer	12th June, 1700.
Thomas Carter	30th June, 1701.
Martin Folkes	26th June, 1704.
Charles Kenrick	22nd June, 1705.
Edward Smith	20th June, 1707.
Rowland Holt	4th June, 1709.
Lewis Monox	10th Feb. 1713-4.
Richard Vaughan	18th June, 1716.
William Marriott	23rd June, 1718.
Andrew Card [1]	10th June, 1719.
Thomas Jackson	5th Feb. 1719-20.
William Gylby	about July, 1721.
Brathwaite Otway	16th June, 1724.
William Peer Williams	5th June, 1725.
William Jessopp	3rd July, 1728.
Nathaniel Booth	27th June, 1729.
Thomas Clarke	26th June, 1731.
Waller Bacon	3rd Feb. 1731-2.
Andrew Wither	7th June, 1733.
Richard Darby [2]	19th June, 1735.
William Aspin	3rd Feb. 1736-7.
Jeffrey Amhurst	5th July, 1739.
Morgan Owen	28th June, 1744.
William Swinburn	20th June, 1745.
William Henley	21st June, 1746.
Ralph Feltham	1st Feb. 1747-8.
Patrick Garden	6th May, 1749.
Edmund Barker	26th May, 1750.
Charles Monson	2nd May, 1751.
John Cay	8th May, 1752.
Luke Robinson	30th May, 1753.
Ayscough Fawkes	14th May, 1754.
Charles Gray	29th April, 1755.
John Frederick	20th May, 1756.
Richard Morley	12th May, 1757.
Richard Lamplugh	8th May, 1758.
John Waple	22nd May, 1759.
George Sturt	18th June, 1760.
Samuel Wegg	2nd June, 1761.
Samuel Berkley	7th July, 1762.

[1] Card was permitted to resign before his year was up on account of illness.
[2] He died during his second year of office.

William Rookes	21st June, 1763.
Edward Bacon	5th July, 1764.
Matthew Ridley	24th June, 1765.
James Eyre	18th June, 1766.
Gryffydd Price	27th Nov. 1767.
Samuel Pechell	6th Feb. 1769.
Danby Pickering	9th Feb. 1770.
John Fenton Clarke	11th Feb. 1771.
Charles Owen	11th Feb. 1772.
Charles Swayne Booth Sharp	10th Feb. 1773.
William Mayhew	17th Feb. 1774.
Andrew Hudleston	8th Feb. 1775.
Edward Montagu	7th Feb. 1776.
Thomas Allen	11th Feb. 1777.
Joshua Grigby	19th Feb. 1778.
John Sherwin	18th Feb. 1779.
William Bumpstead	16th Feb. 1780.
Robert Burton	7th Feb. 1781.
Metcalfe Russell	5th Feb. 1782.
Alan Chambre	10th Feb. 1783.
Samuel Wegg	11th Feb. 1784.
William Rookes	22nd April, 1785.
Thomas Chapman	8th Feb. 1786.
John Lloyd	10th Feb. 1787.
Charles Swayne Booth Sharp	11th Feb. 1788.
Thomas Hill	11th Feb. 1789
William Paul	11th Feb. 1790.
George Samuel Wegg	11th Feb. 1791.
Nicholas Ridley	11th Feb. 1792.
Thomas Morgan	11th Feb. 1793.
Oliver Dixon	about 11th Feb. 1794.
John Fisher	11th Feb. 1795.
John Topham	11th Feb. 1796.
Andrew Hudleston	11th Feb. 1797.
Warcop Consett	10th Feb. 1798.
Henry Collingwood Selby	13th June, 1798.
Edward King	11th Feb. 1799.
Robert Burton	11th Feb. 1800.
John Matthew Grimwood	11th Feb. 1801.
William Lambe	11th Feb. 1802.
Samuel Romilly	11th Feb. 1803.
Henry Stebbing	11th Feb. 1804.
John Knill	11th Feb. 1805.
William Paul	11th Feb. 1806.
Philip Dauncey	11th Feb. 1807.
George Samuel Wegg	11th Feb. 1808.
Henry Collingwood Selby	11th Feb. 1809.
Edward Christian	10th Feb. 1810.

Isaac Espinasse	11th Feb. 1811.
George Sowley Holroyd	11th Feb. 1812.
Montagu Farrer Ainslie	11th Feb. 1813.
John Wear	11th Feb. 1814.
John King	11th Feb. 1815.
William Sheldon	10th Feb. 1816.
John Bell	11th Feb. 1817.
John Williamson	11th Feb. 1818.
Stephen Gaselee	10th Feb. 1819.
Joseph Smith	9th Feb. 1820.
George Heald	7th Feb. 1821.
John Whishaw	11th Feb. 1822.
Francis Maude	11th Feb. 1823.
Lockhart Johnstone	18th Feb. 1824.
Henry Sockett	9th Feb. 1825.
Jefferies Spranger	8th Feb. 1826.
Herbert Jenner	7th Feb. 1827.
George Wailes	11th Feb. 1828.
Thomas William Carr[1]	11th Feb. 1829.
John Matthew Grimwood	about 6th May, 1829.
Francis Whitmarsh	10th Feb. 1830.
John Perry	29th Jan. 1831.
Thomas Parker	30th Jan. 1832.
John Palfrey Burrell	30th Jan. 1833.
John Bell	29th Jan. 1834.
Robert Bayly[2]	28th Jan. 1835.
Thomas James	27th Jan. 1836.
George Long	30th Jan. 1837.
Henry Edgell	30th Jan. 1838.
Robert Greene Bradley	30th Jan. 1839.
John Godfrey Teed	29th Jan. 1840.
Thomas Greenwood	30th Jan. 1841.
Samuel Turner	26th Jan. 1842.
Thomas Purvis	30th Jan. 1843.
Archer Ryland	24th Jan. 1844.
Thomas Greene	29th Jan. 1845.
John Romilly	30th Jan. 1846.
Herbert Jenner-Fust	30th Jan. 1847.
Henry Tennant	26th Jan. 1848.
William Jope	30th Jan. 1849.
Thomas Chandless	30th Jan. 1850.
William John Broderip	29th Jan. 1851.
Thomas Horncastle Marshall	30th Jan. 1852.
Walter Coulson	29th Jan. 1853.
Francis Whitmarsh	30th Jan. 1854.

[1] He died soon after his election.

[2] The year of office of Robert Bayly and subsequent Treasurers dates from the first day of the Easter Term following the election.

Boyce Combe	30th Jan. 1855.
James Barstow	30th Jan. 1856.
Thomas Parker	30th Jan. 1857.
William Henry Bodkin	30th Jan. 1858.
John Walter Huddleston	26th Jan. 1859.
Robert Lush	30th Jan. 1860.
Henry Manisty	30th Jan. 1861.
Archibald John Stephens	29th Jan. 1862.
William Matthewson Hindmarch	30th Jan. 1863.
William Wilde	27th Jan. 1864.
Thomas Southgate	30th Jan. 1865.
John Lee[1]	31st Jan. 1866.
John Romilly	18th April, 1866.
Thomas Greenwood	30th Jan. 1867.
John Walter Huddleston	29th Jan. 1868.
Thomas Norton	27th Jan. 1869.
Thomas Parker	26th Jan. 1870.
Smith Spencer Wigg	25th Jan. 1871.
James Whishaw	31st Jan. 1872.
John Lawrence Tatham	31st Jan. 1873.
John Archibald Russell	28th Jan. 1874.
John Holker	29th Jan. 1875.
William Cracroft Fooks	26th Jan. 1876.
Aldborough Henniker	31st Jan. 1877.
John Edwards	30th Jan. 1878.
Thomas Davis Bayly	29th Jan. 1879.
William Peter Jolliffe	28th Jan. 1880.
Henry Griffith	26th Jan. 1881.
William St. James Wheelhouse	25th Jan. 1882.
Arthur John Hammond Collins	31st Jan. 1883.
William Shaw	30th Jan. 1884.
Benjamin Pine	28th Jan. 1885.
William Brown	27th Jan. 1886.
H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught[2]	25th Feb. 1887.
Hugh Shield	25th Jan. 1888.
William Bowen Rowlands	30th Jan. 1889.
James Sheil	29th Jan. 1890.
Arthur Beetham	27th Jan. 1891.
Walter David Jeremy	27th Jan. 1892.
John Rose	26th Jan. 1893.
William Paterson	31st Jan. 1894.
Edward Henry Power	30th Jan. 1895.
James Mulligan	29th Jan. 1896.
Miles Walker Mattinson	29th Jan. 1897.
John Charles Lewis Coward	26th Jan. 1898.

[1] He died soon after the election.
[2] Master George Francis acted as Deputy Treasurer.

Stuart Cunningham Macaskie	31st Jan. 1899.
Charles Alfred Russell	30th Jan. 1900.
Charles Montagu Lush	25th Jan. 1901.
Herbert Parker Reed	31st Jan. 1902.
Edward Dicey	30th Jan. 1903.
Thomas Terrell	29th Jan. 1904.
Henry Charles Richards[1]...	27th Jan. 1905.
Arthur John Hammond Collins (to 31st Dec:)	6th June, 1905.
William Tyndall Barnard[2]	24th Nov. 1905.
Richard Reader Harris	26th Nov. 1906.
Henry Edward Duke	22nd Nov. 1907.
James Henry Mussen Campbell	25th Nov. 1908.
Herbert Francis Manisty	24th Nov. 1909.

[1] He died in June, 1905.

[2] The year of office of this and subsequent Treasurers dated from the 1st of January next after the election.

APPENDIX IV

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Gray's Inn and the Convent of Sheen

My statement on p. xxiv of the former volume of the Pension Book that the manor of Portpool was "sold" to the Convent was mistaken. The following is an extract from the will of Hugh Denys who purchased the estate from Edmund de Grey. "Also I woll that all soych persones and theyr heyres as now bene feffed to myn use and in my maners of Osterley, Wyke, Portepole callid Greysynne . . . that they be of theme still seasid . . . unto suych tyme as the Priour and Covent of the Charterhouse of Shene in the countie of Surrey have obteyned of the Kingges grace sufficient licence for the admortisment of the forsaide maners & odere the premisses to have to theyr use & successours for ever." The document, for knowledge of which I am indebted to the "Home Counties Magazine" for January, 1904, is to be found among the records at Westminster Abbey.

The Connection of Charles Brandon with the Inn

To the circumstances mentioned, on p. xxvii of the former volume, as making it credible that the Duke of Suffolk was a member of the Society may be added the fact that he was cousin to Humphrey Wingfeild, who was Reader in 1517, and might well have admitted his distinguished relative during the time of the Reading.

The former Hall of Gray's Inn

The following reference to this building, its tables and cupboard as they were in 1552, is to be found in Wriothesley's Chronicle (Camden Society, N.S. No. 20). "The 17th of October beinge the even of St. Luke, the Sergeantes feast was kept at Grayes Inne, in Holborne, Mr. Robert Brooke, Recorder of London, beinge the principall of the newe sergeantes & six more besyde him; my Lord Mayor with the aldermen bidden to the sayd feast; the aldermen assemblinge at my Lord Mayor's house and soe rode from thence up Fryday Streat, through Cheapsyde and out at Newegate all in their skarlett gownes to the sayde Greyes Inne; where sat at the high bord in the hall my Lord Chauncellor with other Lordes; at the seconde borde my Lorde Mayor & the Aldermen & Sheriffes which were xx in number; at the third borde being in the middest of the hall the Judges with the ould sergeauntes at the lawe; at the fourth borde which was next the cupbord the newe sergeauntes all on one syde two of them to a measse; and there was another table next to the Judges which was voyde; this feast was but one dinner, x dishes to the first course and viii to the last course and after wafers and ipocras." I am indebted for the reference to Mr. W. R. Douthwaite.

The lost volume of the Pension Book

The suggestion in a note on p. 495 of the former volume that the MS. containing the minutes of Pension for the years between the beginning of the sixteenth century and May, 1569 was the folio containing "Ancient Orders of Gray's Inn," sold for Charles Bernard in 1710 must be surrendered. The catalogue of the sale was discovered, after the publication of my note, at Dr. Williams' Library, Gordon Square, and the full terms of the entry seem to show that what the folio contained was the table of rules which Dugdale found hanging in Gray's Inn Hall (*Origines*, p. 287). The title is identical—"Orders and ancient standing constitutions of the Society of Gray's Inn."

Gray's Inn Library and Bacon's Chamber

The chamber which Francis Bacon occupied for the greater part of his life was on the same floor with the House Library. But was it north or south? In the two, apparently independent, lists from which the scheme of chambers in Appendix II has been compiled the Library is set down as left-hand. If this means the left of one entering the doorway from the court to the staircase, it means that the Library was on the south and Bacon's chamber on the north. But the evidence that the contrary was the case appears to be considerable. (1) The chamber had been that of his father, Sir Nicholas, and in 1568 the order of chambers "from the hall" had been "my Lord Keperes Chamber, the lyberary." (Former vol., p. 470.) (2) In the list of chambers to be reserved for Readers drawn up in 1599 (Former vol., p. 143) it is mentioned after Mr. Hesketh's chamber "neare the librarie," as being "on the other side the librarie." If the library was north of the staircase all is clear; if south, these descriptions would not I think have been given. Taking "the other side" to mean the north side, Hesketh's chamber would have been necessarily in the buildings at the west end of the Hall and would, according to usage, have been described as near the Hall, rather than near the library. (3) It is evident (see pp. 354 and 356) that in 1788 when the Bench decided to move the library to the first floor room adjoining the east end of the Hall, it had been on the first floor right at what is now No. 1, Gray's Inn Square. There is no record of a move from left to right, nor is it credible that a move would have been made from a room fitted at considerable cost for library purposes to one on the same staircase not so fitted, without an order in Pension or a reference in the accounts. Whatever room was the library in 1788 must surely have been the room for which the joiner was paid £90 in 1684. Was a change made, then, when the block was rebuilt? In June, 1682 the Bench had thought of acquiring the chamber on the same floor as the library—held at the time by Thomas Newdigate. But they did not do so. Whether that chamber was north or south it remained in private hands for upwards of eighty years after the rebuilding. In this rebuilding the lessees of the burnt chambers joined, the Society paying only for the Library. There is a strong presumption that, in the absence of any provision to the contrary, they would have enjoyed in the new building positions corresponding with those which they had respectively held in the old. Moreover, though it is intelligible that the Benchers should have wished to acquire an additional set of chambers next the Library for a Pension Room, it is not obvious why, if content with one set of chambers, they should merely have exchanged positions with Newdigate. (4) There is corroboration for the view that the Library was, prior to 1684,

where it was for the succeeding hundred years in the entries on pp. 27 and 33 *supra* in which Dobson's chamber (ground floor right in the list on p. 423) is described as being "under the library." Sir Ralfe Bankes' chamber (second story right in the list) is described as "over the library." Perhaps the solution of the difficulty may be that, though the second and third floors—added to the old two-story building by Anthony and Francis Bacon—were reached by double flights of stairs, east to west and west to east, the communication between the ground and first floors was a single flight from west to east. To one ascending such a flight the south chamber would be on the right hand and the north chamber on the left, while the position of the chambers below and above would be south chamber left hand and north chamber right. Note that while, in the list, the order is as regards the chambers on the other floors, right left, on the first floor it is left right.

Where were Pensions held prior to 1771?

In the sixteenth century the Bench clearly met for business in a "Pension House." (Former vol., pp. 30, 106, 153.) The situation of this, however, is not indicated in the list of chambers in App. II, and three years after the date of that list the Bench were on the look out for a Pension Chamber. (Present vol., p. 15.) In November, 1672 it was ordered that the chambers over the chapel and Duchy Office should be converted to the use of the House, but it does not appear that either of them was used for Benchers' meetings, for soon afterwards there was a project of securing a ground chamber in Bacon's Buildings for the purpose. This in turn was abandoned, the tenant obtaining a fresh lease. In February, 1676-7 another chamber in Bacon's Buildings was considered desirable, but in the event this also remained in private hands—unfortunately, for it was there that the fire which destroyed the Buildings had its origin. In November, 1705 "the chamber over the passage into the Hall" was fitted up as "the Benchers roome," but it was not, I think, used for Pensions. In June, 1709 the Steward was allowed for the fuel "used in the Library at Penc̃ons & other meetings" (p. 151), and this order seems to show us where the Benchers had met for business since they discarded the Pension House which is last mentioned in 1601. Frequent references in the accounts show that Pensions were held in the Library during the reigns of the first two Georges, and these are corroborated by the terms of one or two orders. For instance, the set of chambers in which the Library was included contained another room (p. 245) divided by a wooden partition, which was in 1746 appointed the Steward's Room, and in 1750-1 a brick nogging was substituted for the partition "to prevent any one from overhearing the debates in the Pension Chamber" (p. 267), while in 1781 the words "Library and Steward's Office" were inscribed on the "oak" and the inner door of this set. In 1768 there was evidently a project of terminating the tenure by the Officers of the Duchy of Lancaster of one of the rooms adjoining the east end of the Hall and acquiring it for the said debates. This was dropped and a room adjoining the gallery at the other end of the Hall came under consideration. Neither was this, however, taken over. But in 1770 £450 was paid for the interest of Mr. Dent, a bencher lately deceased, in his "chambers next the Library" (p. 314). The phrase is not precise, and there is no record of Dent's acquirement of chambers at what was then known as No. 1, Coney Court. But a "new" Pension Room is mentioned in the accounts for 1772, and in 1789 we have the "chambers on the one pair of stairs left hand at No. 1, in Coney Court," described as "late the Pension Chamber,"

the set on the right being called "late the Library & Steward's Office" (p. 356). That in this case "left" means south and "right" north seems clear from the facts that a term of twenty-one years in the former cost £200 more than an equal term in the latter, and that the south set is the larger of the two. After holding Pensions in these chambers for some seventeen years the Bench moved to the present north Pension Room on the site of the Duchy Office, converting the room over it into a Library. Where the "Pension House" of the Elizabethan Benchers was, one can only guess. The name suggests an independent building, probably containing only one or two rooms, and it may have been pulled down between 1601 and 1660 to make room for a pile of chambers, possibly Davenport's Buildings. On the other hand, it may have been a term applied to the room which, when other purposes were in view, was called the Library. Certainly in November, 1630 (former vol., p. 299), the Benchers received a deputation from the Bar and students "in the Library."

The Library after the Fire of 1683-4

The catalogue referred to on page 100 was somewhat perfunctorily drawn up, probably by unskilled hands. It contains the titles of books by Augustine, Tertullian, Chrysostom, Cyril, Aquinas, and other fathers or doctors of the Church; of historical works by Matthew Paris, Guicciardini, Camden, Dugdale, Fuller, Selden, More, Spelman, Speed, and others, a few miscellaneous volumes, and the following titles, more or less correct, of legal books:

Lessius de justitia et jure ceterisque virtutibus cardinalibus, 1618; Spelman's Consilia, decreta, leges, constitutiones, 1639; Fleta's Commentaries; Αρχαιονομία sive de priscis Anglorum legibus, 1568; Annaei Roberti Rerum judicatarum liber, 1599; A collection of statutes from Magna Charta till 1557; Registrum omnium brevium tam originalium quam judicalium, 1553; De terminis Gallice, 1561; Brooks, De terminis, 1580; Totelli, De terminis, 1562; Codex legum antiquarum continens leges Wisigothorum, 1613; Pulton's A collection of sundry statutes; Regis Edwardi 3tii anni omnes, 1562; Statutes made in ye time of King Henry ye 8th, 1551; De terminis, 1556; Statutes made in ye time of King Henry ye 4th, 1556; Statutes established in ye time of King Henry ye 5th, 1543; Statutes established in ye time of King Henry ye 6th, 1556; Statutes established in ye time of King Edward ye 3rd, 1556; La table conteynant en sumarie les choses notables en la grande Abridgment per Fitzherbert; Liber Assisarum, 1561; Gregory's Moot Book, enlarged by Hughes, 1663; Lancelotti Institutiones juris canonici, 1609; Moor's Cases and Reports, 1663; Vetus Liber de Ley; Hern's Pleader, 1567; Dalton's Country Justice, 1666; Hetley's Reports and Cases, 1657; Whinche's Reports and Cases, 1657; Cotton's Records in ye Tower, 1657; Anderson's Reports, 1664; Helway's Relationes quorundam casum, 1638; Sir Henry Yelverton's Reports, 1661; Bolton's Justice of Peace for Ireland, 1632; Bridgman's Reports, 1659; Pulton, De pace regis et regni, 1609; Lane's Reports out of the Exchequer, 1657; Ley's Reports out of the Court of Wards, 1659; Thesaurus Brevium, by J. C., 1661; Jenkin's Rerum Judicatarum Centuriae, 1661; Popham's Reports and Cases, 1656; The law of Common Assurance, by Shephard, 1664; Leonard's Reports and Cases at law, 1658; Ryley's Placita Parliamentaria, 1661; Reports of Judge Owen, 1656; Skene's Regiam majestatem Scotiae veteres leges, 1604; Hutton's Reports, 1656; Noy's Reports and Cases, 1669; Pleusieurs Feresbons Cases per Jacques Dyer, 1661; Hobart's Reports, 1658; Cook's Reports, 1636; Finch's Nomotechnia, 1613; Seldeni

mare clausum seu de Dominio maris, 1635; Cy ensuont ascuns novel cases, 1621; Hugonis Grotii de jure belli et pacis liber, 1631; Skenaei regiam magistatem Scotiae, 1609; Malinesi consuetudo vel lex mercatoria, 1622; Prynne's Survey of Parliamentary writts, 1659; Goldsborough's Reports, 1633; Hughes' Reports, 1653; An abstract of Penal Statutes, by Pulton, 1600; Manwood's Treatise of Forest Laws, 1665; Vetus livre del Ley, 1568; Les termes de la Ley, 1667; Fulbeck's Pandectes of the law of nations, 1602; Ridley's View of Civil and Ecclesiasticall Law, 1634; The office of a Justice of the Peace, by William Lambard, 1602; Cook's Reports, 1619-1658; Institutions, 1633-1639; Croke's Reports, 1669; Ash's Promptuary, 1614; Acts made in ye 10th and 11th year of King Charles, 1635; Bulstrode's Reports, 1657; Statutes of Ireland, 1621; Fitzherbert's Abridgment, 1565; A Calendar of Statutes; Hughes' Grand Abridgment of Law, 1660; Brownlough and Goldsburgh's Reports, 1654; Swynbourne's Treatise of last wills and testaments, 1640; Fitzherbert's Office del Justice de Peace, 1606; Brownlow's Writs, 1653; Mason's Perfect Conveyance, 1655; Marche's Reports, 1648; Un generall table a touts livres del Sir Edward Cooke, 1631; The City law, 1658; Les Tenurs de Littleton, 1588; The Elements of the Common Law of England, 1630; Fitzherbert's Natura Brevium; Berault's La coustume Reformée du pays et Dutché de Normandie, 1660; Statutes from Magna Charta to ye reign of King James, 1618; Terrien's Commentaries, 1618; Lindwood's Othoboni constitutiones Corpus canonicum, 1620; Corpus civile; Fitzherbert's Grand Abridgment, 1565; Brook's Grand Abridgment, 1573; Gothofredi codex Theodosianus cum perpetuis commentariis, 1665; Un Abridgment de Pleusieurs cases, 1668; Lambard's Αρχαιονομία sive de priscis Anglorum legibus, 1644; Scobell's Ordinances, 1658; Cooke's Book of Entries, 1614.

The Gray's Inn Communion Plate

Many references to the vessels used in the Chapel occur both in the former, and in the present, volume of the records. It may be well to give here a brief summary account of the set. One cup, with a paten-cover, dates from 1583; the other was made to match it in 1618, and to this latter year belongs the earlier of the two tankard-shaped flagons. The year was memorable at Gray's Inn as that in which Francis Bacon was made Lord Chancellor. The second flagon has the date 1633, and the large paten, or dish, was made in 1639. The flagons were presented respectively by John Gulston, prothonotary of the Court of King's Bench, and by Robert Dewhurst. Both gentlemen had been admitted to be Associates of the Bench. In 1706-7 two "salvers" (p. 146) or "basons" (p. 398), bearing the date of the year previous to their purchase, were added to the set. They seem small for the purpose for which they were bought—that of the collection of alms—and have in fact been used in recent years as patens. All the vessels are of silver, and all, in 1767, were gilded. The figures as to their weight, before the gilding, appear on p. 285.

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